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N. C. CATTLE INVENTORY STABLE UNITED STATES DOWN

All cattle and calves on North Carolina farms on January 1, 2002, are estimated at 950,000 head, unchanged from a year earlier. The number of beef cows that have calved totaled 434,000, down slightly from the previous year. The number of milk cows that have calved totaled 66,000, down 4% from last year.

The North Carolina calf crop for 2002, at 450,000 head, was down 2% from the previous year.

All cattle and calves in the United States as of January 1, 2002 totaled 96.7 million head, 1% below the 97.3 million on January 1, 2001. Beef cows, at 33.1 million, were down 1% from January 1, 2001. Milk cows, at 9.11 million, were also down 1% from January 1, 2001.

The 2001 calf crop was estimated at 38.3 million head, down 1% from 2000. Calves born during the first half of the year are estimated at 28.1 million, down 1% from 2000.

CATTLE: NUMBER BY CLASS, JANUARY 1, 2001-2002 [1]

CLASS	NORTH CAROLINA			UNITED STATES		
	2001	2002	2002 as % of 2001	2001	2002	2002 as % of 2001
	Thousand Head		*Percent*	*Thousand Head*		*Percent*
All Cattle and Calves	950	950	100	97,277	96,704	99
Cows and Heifers That Have Calved	505	500	99	42,580	42,209	99
Beef Cows	436	434	100	33,397	33,100	99
Milk Cows	69	66	96	9,183	9,110	99
Heifers 500 lbs. and Over	121	123	102	19,776	19,678	100
For Beef Cow Replacement	75	73	97	5,588	5,561	100
For Milk Cow Replacement	30	30	100	4,057	4,060	100
Other Heifers	16	20	125	10,131	10,057	99
Steers 500 lbs. and Over	40	43	108	16,441	16,800	102
Bulls 500 lbs. and Over	34	34	100	2,274	2,244	99
Calves Under 500 lbs.	250	250	100	16,206	15,773	97
CLASS	2000	2001	2001 as % of 2000	2000	2001	2001 as % of 2000
	Thousand Head		*Percent*	*Thousand Head*		*Percent*
Calf Crop	460	450	98	38,631	38,280	99

[1] *Totals may not add due to rounding.*

N. C. RED MEAT PRODUCTION DOWN UNITED STATES UP

Commercial red meat production in **North Carolina** during December 2001 totaled 167 million pounds dress weight, down 3% from a year earlier. Commercial red meat production includes slaughter in federally inspected and other plants, but excludes animals slaughtered on farms. Commercial slaughter of livestock in North Carolina during December 2001 totaled 228 million pounds live weight, down 4% from a year earlier. Cattle slaughter totaled 16 million pounds live weight, up 14%. Calf slaughter totaled 64,000 pounds live weight, up 23%. Hog slaughter, at 211 million pounds live weight, was down 5% from a year earlier. Sheep and lamb slaughter, at 9,000 pounds live weight, was up 50%. The average live weight per head was: cattle, 1,063 pounds; calves, 400 pounds; hogs, 255 pounds; sheep and lambs, 113 pounds.

Commercial red meat production in the **United States** totaled 3.81 billion pounds dress weight, up 5% from the 3.61 billion pounds produced in December 2000.

Beef production in the U.S. during December 2001 totaled 2.11 billion pounds dress weight, up 6% from the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.78 million head, up 2% from a year earlier. The average live weight increased 31 pounds to 1,255. **Veal production** totaled 16 million pounds dress weight, down 12% from December a year ago and a new record low for December. Calf slaughter totaled 84,300 head, down 8% from a year ago. The average live weight decreased 10 pounds to 309. **Pork production** totaled 1.67 billion pounds dress weight, up 6% from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 8.42 million head, 4% above December 2000. The average live weight increased 3 pounds to 268. **Lamb and mutton production** totaled 19 million pounds dress weight, a decrease of 8% from the previous year and a new record low for December. Sheep slaughter totaled 279,100 head, down 7% from the previous year. The average live weight decreased 2 pounds to 138.

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER - DECEMBER

SPECIES	NORTH CAROLINA				UNITED STATES					
	Number Slaughtered [1]		Total Live Weight		Number Slaughtered [1]		Total Live Weight		Total Dressed Weight [2]	
	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001
	Thous. Head		*Thous. Pounds*		*Million Head*		*Million Pounds*		*Million Pounds*	
Cattle	13.6	15.4	14,414	16,422	2.7	2.8	3,326	3,489	1,997	2,110
Calves	0.1	0.2	52	64	0.1	0.1	29	26	18	16
Sheep & Lambs	0.1	0.1	6.0	9.0	0.3	0.3	42	39	21	19
Hogs	878.5	829.2	222,439	211,458	8.1	8.4	2,137	2,255	1,579	1,668
TOTAL	892.3	844.9	236,911	227,953	11.2	11.6	5,534	5,809	3,615	3,813

[1] *Includes slaughter under Federal inspection and other commercial slaughter, excludes farm slaughter.* [2] *Totals may not equal sum due to rounding.*

N. C. EGG PRODUCTION DOWN; UNITED STATES UP

North Carolina laying flocks produced 216 million eggs during December 2001, down 1% from a year earlier. Production consisted of 80 million table eggs and 136 million hatching eggs. Table eggs were down 7% while hatching eggs increased 2% from a year earlier. The average number of layers on hand during December was 11.2 million, up 1% from a year earlier. This number consisted of 3.3 million layers for table eggs and 7.9 million for broiler-type and egg-type hatching eggs.

U.S. egg production totaled 7.40 billion during December 2001, up 2% from a year ago. Production included 6.33 billion table eggs and 1.07 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.01 billion were broiler-type and 62.0 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during December 2001 averaged 339 million, up 2% from a year earlier. December egg production per 100 layers was 2,187 eggs, down slightly from the 2,193 eggs in December 2000.

All layers in the U.S. on January 1, 2002, totaled 339 million, up 2% from a year ago. The 339 million layers consisted of 280 million layers producing table or commercial type eggs, 56.3 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.59 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Daily rate of lay on January 1, 2002, averaged 69.8 eggs per 100 layers, down 1% from the 70.4 eggs a year ago.

EGG PRODUCTION - DECEMBER

STATE	LAYERS ON HAND		TOTAL EGGS PRODUCED		TABLE EGGS		HATCHING EGGS	
	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001
	Thousands		*Million Eggs*					
North Carolina	**11,093**	**11,160**	**219**	**216**	**86**	**80**	**133**	**136**
Alabama	10,247	10,443	197	200	62	64	135	136
Florida	10,753	10,881	240	246	228	231	12	15
Georgia	20,775	21,489	438	444	263	265	175	179
South Carolina	5,287	5,684	114	128	97	110	17	18
UNITED STATES	332,259	338,513	7,287	7,404	6,208	6,334	1,079	1,070

EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED DOWN

Nationally, egg-type chicks hatched during December 2001 totaled 31.5 million, down 9% from December 2000. Eggs in incubators totaled 31.5 million on January 1, 2002, down 7% from a year earlier.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 206,000 during December 2001, down 16% from December 2000.

CHICKS HATCHED - DECEMBER

STATE	BROILER-TYPE		
	2000	2001	2001 as % of 2000
	Thousands		*Percent*
North Carolina	**64,762**	**67,404**	**104**
Alabama	101,969	107,548	105
Arkansas	107,517	111,607	104
Delaware	14,723	12,719	86
Florida	8,827	8,612	98
Georgia	110,410	113,555	103
Maryland	29,025	31,445	108
Mississippi	65,767	68,571	104
Pennsylvania	12,841	13,549	106
South Carolina	17,062	16,491	97
Texas	53,568	54,206	101
Virginia	22,617	24,258	107
California, Tennessee & West Virginia	40,302	39,711	99
15 STATES [1]	649,390	669,676	103
Other States [2]	89,274	99,743	112
UNITED STATES	738,664	769,419	104

[1] States in the weekly hatchery production estimating program are those listed above. [2] Not published separately to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

CHICKS HATCHED - DECEMBER

STATE	EGG-TYPE		
	2000	2001	2001 as % of 2000
	Thousands		*Percent*
Arkansas	738	605	82
Florida	1030	975	95
Georgia	2133	2269	106
Indiana	6167	4153	67
Iowa	4578	4414	96
Minnesota	1368	1095	80
Pennsylvania	5418	4565	84
Other States [1]	13,258	13,428	101
UNITED STATES	34,690	31,504	91

[1] Not published separately to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

BROILER HATCH UP

North Carolina commercial hatcheries produced 67.4 million broiler-type chicks during December 2001, up 4% from the 64.7 million a year ago.

Nationally, the December 2001 hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 769 million, was up 4% from the previous year. There were 638 million eggs in incubators on January 1, 2002, up 5% from a year earlier. Leading breeders placed 6.58 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during December 2001, up 2% from December 2000.

CATTLE ON FEED DOWN

Nationally, cattle and calves on feed January 1, 2002 in feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head for slaughter totaled 11.6 million head, down 2% from a year ago, but 1% above January 1, 2000.

Placements in feedlots during December totaled 1.58 million, 7% below 2000 and 4% below 1999. Net placements were 1.49 million. During December, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 418,000, 600-699 pounds were 475,000, 700-799 pounds were 413,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 272,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during December totaled 1.81 million, 3% above 2000, but 2% below 1999. Other disappearance totaled 93,000 head during December, down 2% from 2000, but 3% above 1999.

CATTLE ON FEED: NUMBER ON FEED, 1,000 + Capacity Feedlots [1]

STATE	JANUARY 1, 2001	DECEMBER 1, 2001	JANUARY 1, 2002	
			NUMBER	as % of 2001
	1,000 Head			*Percent*
Arizona	301	303	305	101
California	450	490	480	107
Colorado	1,210	1,160	1,180	98
Idaho	320	340	330	103
Iowa	385	350	355	92
Kansas	2,400	2,640	2,480	103
Nebraska	2,400	2,270	2,230	93
New Mexico	115	108	108	94
Oklahoma	410	385	360	88
S Dakota	202	195	195	97
Texas	2,930	2,990	2,880	98
Washington	250	260	247	99
Other States	425	400	415	98
UNITED STATES	11,798	11,891	11,565	98

[1] Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

TURKEY EGGS UP; POULTS UP

Nationally, turkey eggs in incubators on January 1, 2002 totaled 32.2 million, up 2% from a year ago. Eggs in incubators were up 6% from the December 1 total of 30.2 million. The 24.9 million poults placed during December 2001 in the U.S. were up 7% from a year ago. Placements were up 3% from the November 2001 total of 24.2 million. Regional placement percent changes from the previous year were: N & S Atlantic, up 5%; E N Central, up 12%; W N Central, up 12%; S Central, up 5%; and West, down 12%.

TURKEY HATCHERY - JANUARY 1

GEOGRAPHIC DIVISION	Eggs in Incubators January 1			Poults Placed During December [1]		
	2001	2002	2002 as % of 2001	2000	2001	2001 as % of 2000
	Thousands		*Percent*	*Thousands*		*Percent*
North & South Atlantic	**10,193**	**10,149**	**100**	**7,290**	**7,649**	**105**
East North Central	4,836	4,839	100	3,261	3,646	112
West North Central	10,377	11,607	112	8,084	9,055	112
South Central	3,064	2,961	97	2,576	2,695	105
West	3,198	2,616	82	2,086	1,838	88
UNITED STATES	31,668	32,172	102	23,297	24,883	107

[1] Regional placements refer to poults placed from hatcheries located in that region, and not the actual location of the birds after placement.

PRICES RECEIVED FOR SELECTED COMMODITIES

The average price received for all tobacco by North Carolina farmers in January 2002 was $1.935 per pound, up 1.5 cents from the previous month, but was 1 cent below a year ago. The January corn price, at $2.35 per bushel, was down 10 cents from a month earlier and was 3 cents below a year ago. Cotton prices rose .7 cents in January to 32.0 cents per pound, but were 23.4 cents below a year ago. The January soybean price, at $4.25 per bushel, was up 13 cents from a month earlier, but was 32 cents below a year ago. Peanuts, at 14.7 cents per pound, were down 3.4 cents from the previous month and were 14.4 cents below a year ago.

PRICES RECEIVED

COMMODITY	UNIT	NORTH CAROLINA			UNITED STATES		
		Jan. 2001	Dec. 2001	Jan. 2002	Jan. 2001	Dec. 2001	Jan. 2002
		Entire Month	*Entire Month*	*Mid Month*	*Entire Month*	*Entire Month*	*Mid Month*
				Dollars			
Tobacco, All [1]	Lb.	1.945	1.920	1.935	1.995	1.960	1.935
Corn	Bu.	2.38	2.45	2.35	1.98	1.98	1.98
Cotton	Lb.	.554	.313	.320	.521	.322	.290
Soybeans	Bu.	4.57	4.12	4.25	4.68	4.20	4.27
Peanuts, In Shell	Lb.	.291	.181	.147	.314	.197	.176
Hogs, All	Cwt.	37.20	33.70	37.20	37.20	33.30	36.50
Com'l Broilers [2]	Lb.	-	-	-	.340	.370	.370
Turkeys [3]	Lb.	.360	.380	.340	.366	.385	.341
Eggs [3 4]	Doz.	.429	.340	.460	.503	.410	.450
Milk, All [2]	Cwt.	-	-	-	13.20	13.40	13.30
Potatoes	Cwt.	-	-	-	4.56	6.85	6.84
Apples, Com'l. [1]	Lb.	-	-	-	.158	.224	.217
Hay, All [3]	Ton	-	-	-	85.20	93.70	93.00

[1] Entire month. [2] North Carolina monthly estimates discontinued January 2000. [3] Mid month. [4] Market (Table) eggs including eggs sold retail by producers.

Prices received for all hogs in January, at $37.20 per hundredweight, were up $3.50 from December and identical to the previous year's price. Turkeys, at 34 cents per pound, were down 4 cents from the previous month and were 2 cents below a year earlier. Turkey prices decreased seasonally. Table eggs, at 46 cents per dozen, were up 12 cents from a month earlier and were 3.1 cents above the previous year.

NORTH CAROLINA PRICES RECEIVED INDEX

The January 2002 "All Farm Products" index of prices received by North Carolina farmers, at 246% of its 1967 base, was up 4 points from the previous month. Contributing most to the increase were higher prices for tobacco, cotton, soybeans, hogs, and eggs. The index was 7 points below a year earlier.

The January 2002 "All Crops" index, at 258, was identical to the previous month, but was 9 points below a year earlier. The "Livestock and Livestock Products" index for January 2002, at 226, was up 13 points from the previous month, but was 4 points below the previous year.

The meat animals index for January 2002, at 237, was up 20 points from the previous month, but was 10 points below a year ago. The poultry index, at 219, was up 14 points from the previous month and was 4 points above a year earlier. The dairy index, at 233 was identical to a month earlier, but was 15 points below the previous year.

FARM PRICES INDEX NUMBERS

INDEX (1967 = 100)	Jan. 15 2000 [1]	Jan. 15 2001 [1]	Dec. 15 2001 [1]	Jan. 15 2002
NORTH CAROLINA				
Prices Received: All Farm Products	245	253	242	246
All Crops	262	267	258	258
Tobacco	289	296	293	295
Oil Bearing	205	204	155	146
Grains	175	173	178	171
Commercial Vegetables	205	197	195	197
Fruits	306	306	306	306
Livestock and Livestock Products	214	230	213	226
Meat Animals	238	247	217	237
Poultry	199	215	205	219
Dairy	225	248	233	233
UNITED STATES				
Prices Received, All Farm Products	229	245	242	243
Prices Paid, Commodities & Services [2]	461	488	[4]	475
Parity Ratio [3]	50	50	[4]	51

[1] Revised. [2] Including Interest, Taxes and Farm Wage Rates. [3] Ratio of Index of Prices Received by Farmers to Index of Prices Paid. [4] Available quarterly following February 1986 Survey.

PEANUT STOCKS UP

Peanut stocks in commercial storage December 31, 2001 in the United States were up 33% from last year and totaled 4.10 billion pounds of equivalent farmer stock, compared to 3.08 billion pounds last year. This total includes 3.21 billion pounds of actual farmer stock.

Shelled peanuts on hand totaled 837 million pounds of farmer stock equivalent. Roasting stock totaled 47.3 million pounds. There were 798 million pounds of Commodity Credit Corporation uncommitted stocks on hand as of December 31, 2001.

Shelled peanut stocks totaled 630 million pounds of which 613 million pounds were edible grades and 16.7 million pounds were oil stocks. Edible grade stocks by type were 122 million pounds of Virginias, 454 million pounds of Runners, and 36.2 million pounds of Spanish.

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2001 ANNUAL CROP SUMMARY

North Carolina **flue-cured tobacco** growers had their second consecutive excellent year. Growers throughout the state benefitted from timely rains, relatively mild summer temperatures, and the absence of any destructive weather patterns to achieve an overall average yield of 2,427 pounds per acre, six pounds above the 2000 yield. Overall production, estimated at 376.2 million pounds, represents a 5% decrease from 2000. Harvested area, at 155,000 acres, was 8,000 acres less than 2000.

U.S. flue-cured production is estimated at 579 million pounds, 3% less than a year ago and 12% less than 1999. Yield per acre, at 2,427 pounds, is up 31 pounds from last year's crop and up 265 pounds from 1999. Acres harvested, at 238,500, are down 5% from a year ago and 21% below 1999.

North Carolina **burley tobacco** production increased 6% from 2000, totaling 12.6 million pounds. Yield, at 1,850 pounds per acre, is 250 pounds above a year ago. Harvested area is estimated at 6,800 acres, 8% below last year.

U.S. burley production totaled 350 million pounds in 2001, 4% below a year ago. The 164,500 acres harvested is 11% below the year 2000 harvested acres. Yield per acre averaged 2,125 pounds, 168 pounds above a year ago.

Cotton production for North Carolina, at 1.62 million 480 pound bales, broke the record of 1.43 million set just last year. This year's 806 pounds per acre average yield is 64 pounds above last year. The 970,000 acres planted and 965,000 acres harvested are at their respective highest levels since 1937. In spite of the record production, total value for the N.C. cotton crop was only $237 million, 35% below last year. The decrease is due to depressed prices which averaged a meager 30.5 cents per pound, 22.5 cents below a year ago.

All U.S. cotton production is forecast at 20.1 million bales, up 17% from 2000. Yield is expected to average 698 pounds per harvested acre, up 66 pounds from last year. Harvested area is up 6% from last year to 13.8 million acres.

North Carolina's **corn** production, at 78.1 million bushels, was 3.89 million bushels above last year. The increased production came in spite of a 15,000 acreage decrease in harvested area to 625,000 acres. The production increase is attributed to the record 125 bushels per acre yield, nine bushels above the record set just last year. All corn planted acreage, at 700,000, continues the downward trend as acres decreased an estimated 30,000 from 2000. Compared to a year ago, a 29 cent increase in average price received per bushel to $2.30 bolstered overall value of production. The value of production is estimated at $180 million versus $149 million in 2000.

U.S. corn for grain production was estimated at 9.51 billion bushels, down 4% from 2000. The 2001 production ranks fourth behind the 1994 record of 10.1 billion bushels. U.S. yield per acre of 138.2 bushels is 1.3 bushels above last year and the second highest on record. Harvested area, at 68.8 million acres, is 3.6 million acres below a year ago.

Soybean production in North Carolina is estimated to be 43.2 million bushels, one million bushels below 2000. Although the statewide average yield was exceptional, 32 bushels per acre, it fell a half bushel short of last year's record. The other contributing factor in the reduced production was the 10,000 acre decrease in harvested acres to 1.35 million. Planted acreage, at 1.38 million, was slightly below the 1.4 million acres estimated for the previous two years. Even with a modest dip in production, overall value of production decreased considerably to an estimated $181 million. The reduced value, estimated at 9% below last year, is due mainly to a 31 cent per bushel decrease in the average price received to $4.20.

U.S. soybean production in 2001 totaled 2.89 billion bushels, 5% above 2000. This year's crop is the largest on record. The average yield per acre is estimated at 39.6 bushels, 1.5 bushels above last year. Harvested area is up 592,000 acres from a year ago to 73 million acres.

North Carolina's 2001 harvested **wheat** acreage decreased 15% from last year to 470,000. Yield decreased to 39 bushels per acre from 50 bushels in 2000. Production, at 18.3 million bushels, was 33% below last year. Total value of the wheat crop decreased to $46.7 million, 28% below last year. Price per bushel was $2.55, 20 cents above last year.

Due to a decrease in both harvested acreage and yield per acre, U.S. all wheat production decreased 12% to 1.96 billion bushels. Total harvested acres, at 48.7 million, decreased 8% from last year, while yield dropped 1.8 bushels to average 40.2 bushels per acre.

North Carolina **peanut** growers had a solid year and achieved a 3,000 pound average yield for the 2001 crop year, 250 pounds above the year 2000 yield. Early season yield potentials were retarded due to disease outbreaks caused by excessive rains, but drier conditions throughout the growing season and an extended period of warm, dry weather in the fall enabled pods to fill and growers to achieve a solid average yield. Production is forecast at 369 million pounds, 9% above 2000. Harvested acres are estimated at 123,000, no change from 2000. The marketing year average price for 2001 is 25.2 cents per pound compared with 27.3 cents for the previous year.

U.S. production of peanuts in 2001 totaled 4.24 billion pounds, 30% above the 2000 crop. Harvested area totaled 1.4 million acres, a 5% increase from 2000. The U.S. yield per harvested acre averaged 3,027 pounds, up 583 pounds from 2000.

North Carolina **sweetpotato** production in 2001 totaled 558 million pounds, up 1% from 2000. Harvested area, at 36,000 acres, was down 1,000 acres from a year earlier. Average yield per acre is estimated at 15,500 pounds, up 500 pounds from a year ago. The sweetpotato crop is valued at $68.1 million, down less than 1% from 2000. The average price, at 12.2 cents per pound, is 10 cents below the previous year.

U.S. production of sweetpotatoes is estimated at 1.44 billion pounds for 2001, up 4% from a year earlier. Growers harvested 93,500 acres in 2001, down 1% from last year. The average yield is 15,400 pounds per acre, up 900 pounds from the previous crop.

The production of **Irish potatoes** in North Carolina increased 3% in 2001 to 352 million pounds. The average yield of 19,000 pounds per acre was down 1,000 pounds from 2000. Harvested acres were up to 18,500. Value of production, at $21.1 million, is down 5% from the 2000 crop. An average price of 6.0 cents per pound was realized, compared to 6.5 cents last year.

The North Carolina **sorghum** crop is estimated at 770,000 bushels, 28% above the 2000 production. Yield per acre averaged 70 bushels, 20 bushels more than the previous season. Acres harvested, at 11,000, was down 1,000 from 2000. The value of the crop, at $1.46 million, increased 22% from last year with the per bushel price decreasing 10 cents to $1.90.

U.S. sorghum grain production in 2001 was estimated at 515 million bushels, up 9% from 2000. Area harvested

ANNUAL SUMMARY: Crop, Vegetable, and Fru

CROPS [1]	PLANTED ACREAGE			HARVESTED ACREAGE			UNIT	YIEL
	1999	2000	2001	1999	2000	2001		1999
NORTH CAROLINA		*Thousands*			*Thousand*			
FIELD CROPS								
Barley	24	30	28	19	18	18	Bu.	80
Corn for Grain [4]	750	730	700	640	640	625	Bu.	80
Corn for Silage [5]	-	-	-	85	85	72	Ton	12
Cotton, Upland [6]	880	930	970	825	925	965	Lb.	475
Cottonseed	-	-	-	-	-	-	Ton	-
Hay: Alfalfa [7]	-	-	-	20	20	20	Ton	3.00
Other	-	-	-	690	690	690	Ton	2.15
All	-	-	-	710	710	710	Ton	2.17
Irish Potatoes	18.0	17.5	19.5	17.5	17.0	18.5	Cwt.	195
Oats	60	60	60	30	30	30	Bu.	68
Peanuts	126	123	123	124	123	123	Lb.	2,410
Sorghum for Grain [4]	19	18	15	12	12	11	Bu.	46
Sorghum for Silage [5]	-	-	-	4	5	3	Ton	9
Soybeans for Beans	1,400	1,400	1,380	1,300	1,360	1,350	Bu.	23.0
Sweetpotatoes	37	38	37	29	37	36	Cwt.	130
Tobacco:								
Flue-cured	-	-	-	200.0	163.0	155.0	Lb.	2,183
Type 11	-	-	-	55.0	40.0	42.0	Lb.	2,400
Type 12	-	-	-	119.0	102.0	93.0	Lb.	2,100
Type 13	-	-	-	26.0	21.0	20.0	Lb.	2,100
Burley	-	-	-	7.8	7.4	6.8	Lb.	1,600
All	-	-	-	207.8	170.4	161.8	Lb.	2,161
Wheat	650	720	680	580	550	470	Bu.	49
FRUITS AND NUTS					*Actual Acres*			
Apples, Commercial [8]	-	-	-	9,000	9,000	8,000	Lb.	21,100
Blueberries [8]	-	-	-	3,200	3,600	2,900	Lb.	4,060
Grapes [8]	-	-	-	500	600	700	Ton	3.80
Peaches [8]	-	-	-	1,550	1,500	1,500	Lb.	18,100
Pecans, Improved	-	-	-	-	-	-	Lb.	-
Seedlings	-	-	-	-	-	-	Lb.	-
All	-	-	-	-	-	-	Lb.	-
VEGETABLES		*Actual Acres*			*Actual Acres*			
FRESH MARKET								
Bell Peppers	6,600	7,100	7,000	6,200	6,900	6,300	Cwt.	115
Cabbage, All [9]	9,400	9,300	9,400	7,600	9,000	9,100	Cwt.	170
Chile Peppers [10]	-	700	650	-	700	650	Cwt.	-
Collard Greens [10]	-	2,700	2,800	-	2,600	2,700	Cwt.	-
Cucumbers	6,400	6,900	7,300	6,100	6,800	6,900	Cwt.	105
Eggplants [10]	-	300	310	-	300	310	Cwt.	-
Lima Beans [10]	-	1,100	1,200	-	1,000	1,100	Cwt.	-
Mustard Greens [10]	-	1,500	1,400	-	1,400	1,300	Cwt.	-
Snap Beans, All	7,500	8,000	8,100	6,800	7,900	7,600	Cwt.	46
Squash [10]	-	4,200	4,300	-	4,000	4,100	Cwt.	-
Strawberries, All	1,700	1,800	1,800	1,600	1,700	1,700	Cwt.	110
Sweet Corn	8,200	8,400	8,700	7,000	8,100	8,200	Cwt.	80
Tomatoes	2,400	2,600	2,700	2,300	2,400	2,600	Cwt.	310
Turnip Greens [10]	-	2,100	2,200	-	2,000	2,100	Cwt.	
Watermelons	10,400	10,900	10,600	8,900	10,000	9,500	Cwt.	145
PROCESSING								
Cucumbers	17,200	18,200	18,200	16,200	18,000	17,600	Ton	4.81
UNITED STATES		*Thousand*			*Thousand*			
Barley	5,194	5,864	4,967	4,734	5,213	4,289	Bu.	59.2
Corn for Grain [4]	77,386	79,551	75,752	70,487	72,440	68,808	Bu.	133.8
Cotton, All [6]	14,873.5	15,517.2	15,787.8	13,424.9	13,053.0	13,810.0	Lb.	607
Hay, All	-	-	-	63,220	59,854	63,511	Ton	2.53
Oats	4,673	4,477	4,403	2,453	2,329	1,905	Bu.	59.6
Peanuts	1,534.5	1,536.8	1,543.0	1,436.0	1,336.0	1,400.5	Lb.	2,667
Sorghum for Grain [4]	9,288	9,195	10,252	8,544	7,726	8,584	Bu.	69.7
Soybeans for Beans	73,730	74,266	74,105	72,446	72,408	73,000	Bu.	36.0
Sweetpotatoes	93.8	98.0	97.9	83.1	94.9	93.5	Cwt.	141
Tobacco:								
Flue-cured	-	-	-	303.8	250.0	238.5	Lb.	2,161
Burley	-	-	-	303.6	185.4	164.5	Lb.	1,823
All	-	-	-	647.2	472.4	432.6	Lb.	1,997
Wheat, All	62,714	62,629	59,617	53,823	53,133	48,653	Bu.	42.

[1] Revised. [2] Received by Farmers. [3] Values are for the crop year and should not be confused with calendar year income. [4] Planted for all purposes. [5] Green-we... 2000. [11] Flue-cured and Burley released May 10, 2002.

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	PRODUCTION			PRICE PER UNIT [2]			VALUE OF PRODUCTION [3]		
	1999	2000	2001	1999	2000	2001	1999	2000	2001
		Thousands			*Dollars*			*Thousand Dollars*	
57	1,520	1,440	1,206	1.68	1.55	1.55	2,554	2,232	1,869
25	51,200	74,240	78,125	2.27	2.01	2.30	116,224	149,222	179,688
9	1,020	1,275	1,368	-	-	-	-	-	-
06	816	1,429	1,620	0.475	0.530	0.305	186,048	363,538	237,168
-	278	508	559	96.00	89.50	79.00	26,688	45,466	44,161
00	60	54	60	120.00	110.00	120.00	7,200	5,940	7,200
20	1,484	1,794	1,518	75.00	70.00	75.00	111,300	125,580	113,850
22	1,544	1,848	1,578	77.00	71.00	77.00	118,500	131,520	121,050
00	3,410	3,400	3,515	6.20	6.50	6.00	21,175	22,100	21,090
56	2,040	2,100	1,680	1.55	1.45	1.50	3,162	3,045	2,520
00	298,840	338,250	369,000	0.276	0.273	0.252	82,480	92,342	92,988
70	552	600	770	1.70	2.00	1.90	938	1,200	1,463
0	36	55	30	-	-	-	-	-	-
0	29,900	44,200	43,200	4.61	4.51	4.20	137,839	199,342	181,440
55	3,770	5,550	5,580	12.00	12.30	12.20	45,240	68,265	68,076
27	436,500	394,660	376,200	1.749	1.798	[11]	763,557	709,775	[11]
00	132,000	100,000	105,000	1.760	1.817	[11]	232,320	181,700	[11]
00	249,900	245,310	223,200	1.750	1.795	[11]	437,325	440,331	[11]
00	54,600	49,350	48,000	1.720	1.778	[11]	93,912	87,744	[11]
50	12,480	11,840	12,580	1.909	1.968	[11]	23,824	23,301	[11]
03	448,980	406,500	388,780	1.754	1.803	1.858	787,381	733,076	722,486
39	28,420	27,500	18,330	2.33	2.35	2.55	66,219	64,625	46,742
00	170,000	145,000	105,000	0.151	0.126	0.123	25,730	18,225	12,896
50	13,000	17,500	13,500	1.030	1.040	1.400	13,430	18,130	18,900
36	1.9	2.3	2.0	1,150.00	1,160.00	1,270.00	2,183	2,661	2,532
00	28,000	32,000	12,000	0.36	0.37	0.40	10,080	11,840	4,800
-	800	1,400	2,700	1.10	1.15	0.90	880	1,610	2,430
-	400	200	500	0.75	0.80	0.50	300	160	250
-	1,200	1,600	3,200	0.983	1.110	0.838	1,180	1,770	2,680
25	713	828	788	20.50	21.00	20.50	14,617	17,388	16,154
0	1,292	1,620	1,911	8.50	9.00	8.80	10,982	14,580	16,817
0	-	70	72	-	19.00	25.00	-	1,330	1,800
00	-	286	243	-	30.00	26.00	-	8,580	6,318
20	641	850	828	11.00	14.00	13.00	7,051	11,900	10,764
20	-	45	37	-	20.00	21.00	-	900	777
30	-	50	33	-	35.00	45.00	-	1,750	1,485
70	-	105	91	-	29.00	27.00	-	3,045	2,457
45	313	474	342	28.00	29.00	26.00	8,764	13,746	8,892
05	-	400	390	-	23.00	25.00	-	9,200	9,750
5	176	231	196	80.00	75.00	85.00	14,080	17,325	16,660
05	560	810	861	14.10	15.00	14.80	7,896	12,150	12,743
20	713	696	832	29.00	30.00	28.00	20,677	20,880	23,296
70	-	160	147	-	28.00	26.00	-	4,480	3,822
55	1,291	1,600	1,473	5.20	6.00	5.70	6,713	9,600	8,396
00	78	90	86	265.00	270.00	280.00	20,649	24,300	24,147
		Thousands			*Dollars*			*Thousand Dollars*	
2	280,292	318,728	249,590	2.13	2.11	2.25	597,038	649,130	535,472
2	9,430,612	9,915,051	9,506,840	1.82	1.85	2.00	17,103,991	18,499,002	19,209,312
98	16,968.0	17,188.3	20,084	0.468	0.516	0.351	3,809,560	4,260,417	3,383,732
7	159,707	151,921	156,703	76.90	85.00	97.30	11,014,373	11,416,651	12,611,560
3	146,193	149,545	116,856	1.12	1.10	1.50	175,172	175,797	175,923
7	3,829,490	3,265,505	4,239,450	0.254	0.274	0.234	971,608	896,097	1,003,099
9	595,166	470,526	514,524	1.57	1.89	1.95	937,406	847,075	997,864
6	2,653,758	2,757,810	2,890,572	4.63	4.54	4.30	12,205,352	12,466,572	12,439,597
4	12,234	13,794	14,355	17.60	15.30	16.30	214,980	210,869	233,346
7	656,752	598,915	578,870	1.737	1.793	[11]	1,140,936	1,073,952	[11]
5	555,185	362,788	349,575	1.899	1.963	[11]	1,054,237	712,035	[11]
4	1,292,692	1,052,998	1,000,936	1.828	1.869	1.918	2,356,304	1,955,221	1,916,234
2	2,299,010	2,232,460	1,957,643	2.48	2.62	2.80	5,593,989	5,782,107	5,553,815

0-lb. net weight bales. [7] Includes alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures. [8] Utilized production. [9] Includes small quantities for processing. [10] Fresh Market Vegetables started

for grain was estimated at 8.58 million acres, up 11% from 2000. The sorghum grain average yield, at 59.9 bushels per acre, was one bushel below the 2000 average.

The value of the State's **hay** crop was down 8% from 2001 and totaled $121 million with an average price per ton of $77.00 compared to $71.00 in 2000. Hay production in 2001 totaled 1.58 million tons, down 15% from 2000.

All U.S. hay production in 2001 was estimated at 157 million tons, up 3% from 2000.

Commercial 2001 total **apple** production in the Tar Heel State, at 110 million pounds, is down 42% from the previous year's 190 million pounds. Utilized production, or the actual amount of apples that were harvested, was 105 million pounds, down 28% from last year. A series of early season freezes completely wiped out many grower's crops. The apples that were harvested brought an average price of 12.3 cents per pound, which translates to a total value of production of $12.9 million.

Total U.S. commercial apple production is estimated at 9.44 billion pounds in 2001, 12% below the 2000 crop. Nationally, 98% of the total production was utilized.

North Carolina **blueberry** growers failed to achieve their maximum yield potential due to the early season series of hard freezes felt throughout the State. However, growers with irrigation managed to stave off the damaging freezes to attain some excellent yields. Utilized production of blueberries in 2001 is estimated at 13.5 million pounds. This is down 23% from the 2000 crop of 17.5 million pounds. Area harvested in 2001, at 2,900 acres, is down 700 acres from a year earlier. Yield per harvested acre averaged 4,660 pounds compared to 4,860 pounds in 2000. North Carolina growers received an average price of $1.64 per pound for fresh market sales and 56 cents per pound for processing sales. The average price for all sales, at $1.40 per pound, compares with $1.04 per pound in 2000. The value of production for the 2001 crop totaled $18.9 million compared to $18.1 million last year.

North Carolina **peach** production in 2001 totaled 12 million pounds compared to 32 million last year. Acres of bearing age trees totaled 1,500 in 2001, unchanged from 2000. The crop is valued at $4.8 million, down 59% from the 2000 crop value of $11.8 million. Average price received, at 40 cents per pound, compares with 37 cents per pound in 2000.

Utilized **grape** production in the State in 2001 totaled 2,000 tons, down 300 tons from the 2000 crop. The crop is valued at $2.5 million, down 5% from the 2000 crop. The 2001 crop brought $1,270 per ton, $110 per ton above the previous year.

The 2001 **pecan** crop in North Carolina totaled 3.20 million pounds, double the 2000 crop. The crop is valued at $2.7 million, up 51% from the previous year. The 2001 price averaged 83.8 cents per pound compared to $1.11 in 2000.

North Carolina production of **processed cucumbers** totaled 86,000 tons, 4% less than the 2000 production. The value of the crop, placed at $24.1 million, was 1% less than a year earlier. Farmers received an average price of $280 per ton, up $10 from 2000. **Fresh market cucumber** production totaled 82.8 million pounds, down 3% from a year earlier. Value of production totaled $10.8 million, down 10% from 2000.

The value of **fresh market vegetables** was estimated at $140 million in 2001, down 5% from 2000.

Tomato growers produced 83.2 million pounds of tomatoes, 20% more than 2000. The value of the crop is estimated at $23.3 million compared to $20.9 million a year ago. All **cabbage** production totaled 191 million pounds, 18% more than 2000. The value of the crop is placed at $16.8 million compared to $14.6 million in 2000. **Strawberry** farmers produced 19.6 million pounds of strawberries in 2001, down 15% from the previous year. The value of the crop is estimated at $16.7 million compared to $17.3 million a year ago. **Bell pepper** production is estimated at 78.8 million pounds, 5% below 2000. The crop is valued at $16.2 million, 7% less than last year. **Sweet corn** production, at 86.1 million pounds, is valued at $12.7 million compared to $12.2 million in 2000. **Snap bean** production is estimated at 34.2 million pounds, down 28% from last year. The value of production, at $8.9 million, compared to $13.7 million the previous year. Producers harvested 147 million pounds of **watermelons**, valued at $8.4 million. The value of the **other fresh market vegetables** were: squash $9.8 million, collard greens $6.3 million, turnip greens $3.8 million, mustard greens $2.5 million, chile peppers $1.8 million, lima beans $1.5 million, and eggplant $.8 million.

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N.C. EGG PRODUCTION DOWN UNITED STATES UP

North Carolina laying flocks produced 214 million eggs during January 2002, down 3% from a year earlier. Production consisted of 77 million table eggs, and 137 million hatching eggs. Table eggs declined 8%, while hatching eggs increased 1% from a year earlier. The average number of layers on hand during January was 11.1 million, down 2% from a year earlier. This number consisted of 3.3 million layers for table eggs and 7.8 million for broiler-type and egg-type hatching eggs.

U.S. egg production totaled 7.25 billion during January 2002, up 2% from a year earlier. Production included 6.16 billion table eggs and 1.1 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.03 billion were broiler-type and 63 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during January 2002 averaged 338 million, up 1% from the previous year. January egg production per 100 layers was 2,143 eggs, up 1% from 2,128 eggs in January 2001.

All layers in the U.S. on February 1, 2002 totaled 338 million, up 1% from a year ago. The 338 million layers consisted of 278 million layers producing table or commercial type eggs, 57.2 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.64 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Daily rate of lay on February 1, 2002, averaged 68.4 eggs per 100 layers, down 1% from the 69.2 eggs a year ago.

EGG PRODUCTION - JANUARY

STATE	LAYERS ON HAND		TOTAL EGGS PRODUCED		TABLE EGGS		HATCHING EGGS	
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002
	Thousands		*Million Eggs*					
North Carolina	11,275	11,078	220	214	84	77	136	137
Alabama	10,266	10,583	197	202	60	64	137	138
Florida	10,860	10,866	237	233	222	218	15	15
Georgia	20,686	21,391	379	420	222	243	157	177
South Carolina	5,357	5,557	109	117	92	99	17	18
UNITED STATES	333,798	338,265	7,103	7,248	6,043	6,155	1,060	1,093

HIRED WORKERS UP

During the survey week of January 6-12, 2002, farms in the Appalachian 1 Region (North Carolina and Virginia) hired 29,000 workers. This is up from 22,000 hired in January of 2001, but seasonally down from the 40,000 estimated working in October 2001. The average wage rate for the Appalachian 1 region was $8.72, up $0.38 from January 2001.

There were 731,000 workers hired on the Nation's farms and ranches during the week of January 6-12, 2002. This compares with 691,000 workers hired during the January 2001 survey week. Agricultural service employees on farms and ranches made up the remaining 183,000 workers in January 2002. Nationally, farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of $8.96 per hour during the January 2002 survey week, up $0.30 from January 2001.

WAGE RATES FOR HIRED WORKERS [1], JANUARY 6-12, 2002 WITH COMPARISONS [2]

Region [3]	Type of Work						Number of Hired Workers	
	Field		Livestock		All Hired [4]			
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002
	Dollars Per Hour						*(000)*	
Appalachian I	7.65	7.73	7.82	7.94	8.34	8.72	22	29
Appalachian II	6.57	6.72	7.26	7.18	7.18	7.29	27	25
Southeast	7.30	7.56	7.25	7.61	7.88	8.08	20	25
U.S.[5]	7.76	8.25	8.07	8.25	8.66	8.96	691	731

[1] Excludes agricultural service workers [2] Survey period in 2001 was January 7-13 [3] Appalachian I: NC, VA; Appalachian II: KY, TN, WV; Southeast: AL, GA, SC. [4] All Hired Workers includes supervisory and other workers. Piece rates not included. [5] Excludes Alaska.

CHICKS HATCHED - JANUARY

STATE	EGG-TYPE		
	2001	2002	2002 as % of 2001
	Thousands		*Percent*
Arkansas	764	805	105
Florida	800	497	62
Georgia	2,182	2,231	102
Indiana	7,578	4,855	64
Iowa	5,912	5,720	97
Minnesota	1,506	1,319	88
Pennsylvania	5,613	4,540	81
Other States [1]	13,621	15,566	114
UNITED STATES	37,976	35,533	94

[1] Not published separately to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED DOWN

Nationally, egg-type chicks hatched during January 2002 totaled 35.5 million, down 6% from January 2001. Eggs in incubators totaled 32 million on February 1, 2002, down 9% from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 228,000 during January 2002, down 10% from January 2001.

HONEY PRODUCTION DOWN

Commercial honey producers in North Carolina with five or more colonies produced 484,000 pounds of honey in 2001, down 10% from a year ago. The estimated 11,000 colonies was unchanged from 2000. Yield per colony averaged 44 pounds, down 5 pounds from 2000. Average price for the 2001 crop, at $1.58 per pound, was up 15 cents from a year earlier. The value of commercial honey production totaled $765,000, down 1% from 2000.

Nationally, honey production in 2001 from producers with five or more colonies totaled 186 million pounds, down 16% from 2000. There were 2.51 million colonies producing honey in 2001, down 4% from 2000. Yield per colony averaged 74.0 pounds, down 10.1 pounds from the 84.1 pounds in 2000. Colonies which produced in more than one state were counted in each state and yields per colony may therefore be understated. Colonies were not counted if honey was not harvested. Producer honey stocks were 64.8 million pounds on December 15, 2001, down 24% from a year earlier.

At the U.S. level, prices for the 2001 crop averaged 66.9 cents per pound, up 12% from 59.7 cents in 2000. Prices are based on retail sales by producers and sales to private processors and cooperatives. State level honey prices reflect the portions of honey sold through retail, co-op and private channels.

BROILER HATCH UP

North Carolina commercial hatcheries produced 68.2 million broiler-type chicks during January 2002, up 5% from a year earlier.

Nationally, the January 2002 hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 776 million, was up 6% from the previous year. There were 638 million broiler-type eggs in incubators on February 1, 2002, up 4% from a year earlier. Leading breeders placed 6.66 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during January 2002, down slightly from January 2001.

CHICKS HATCHED - JANUARY

STATE	BROILER-TYPE		
	2001	2002	2002 as % of 2001
	Thousands		*Percent*
North Carolina	**65,203**	**68,237**	**105**
Alabama	101,763	107,443	106
Arkansas	103,479	110,938	107
Delaware	14,579	12,668	87
Florida	8,909	8,810	99
Georgia	110,320	114,081	103
Maryland	29,250	34,588	118
Mississippi	66,276	70,502	106
Pennsylvania	12,585	13,264	105
South Carolina	16,942	16,663	98
Texas	53,193	56,341	106
Virginia	23,557	24,375	103
California, Tennessee & West Virginia	39,907	38,725	97
15 STATES [1]	645,963	676,635	105
Other States [2]	87,926	99,034	113
UNITED STATES	733,889	775,669	106

[1] States in the weekly hatchery production estimating program are those listed above. [2] Not published separately to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

HONEY: PRODUCTION, STOCKS AND VALUE: 2000-2001 [1]

STATE	Honey Producing Colonies		Yield Per Colony		Production		Stocks [2]		Average Price Per Pound		Value Of Production	
	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001
	Thousands		*Pounds*		*Thousand*		*Pounds*		*Cents*		*Thousand Dollars*	
North Carolina	**11**	**11**	**49**	**44**	**539**	**484**	**243**	**145**	**143**	**158**	**771**	**765**
Alabama	16	14	78	73	1,248	1,022	187	235	59	71	736	726
California	440	425	70	65	30,800	27,625	11,396	7,735	59	67	18,172	18,509
Florida	232	220	105	100	24,360	22,000	2,923	3,432	54	62	13,154	13,640
Georgia	55	55	57	57	3,135	3,135	376	188	63	70	1,975	2,195
Kentucky	3	3	48	78	144	234	40	94	135	131	194	307
Minnesota	150	135	90	81	13,500	10,935	3,105	1,859	57	63	7,695	6,889
North Dakota	300	280	115	96	34,500	26,880	13,800	9,408	57	65	19,665	17,472
Tennessee	9	9	61	59	549	531	104	147	143	137	785	727
Virginia	7	9	42	52	294	468	103	94	150	117	441	548
United States [3]	2,620	2,513	84.1	74.0	220,339	185,926	85,328	64,750	59.7	66.9	132,742	127,060

[1] For producers with 5 or more colonies. [2] Stocks held by producers. [3] Includes other states and states not published. U.S. price weighted by survey expanded sales.

CATTLE ON FEED: NUMBER ON FEED, 1,000 + Capacity Feedlots [1]

STATE	FEBRUARY 1, 2001	JANUARY 1, 2002	FEBRUARY 1, 2002	
			NUMBER	2002 as % of 2001
	1,000 Head			Percent
Arizona	302	305	311	103
California	445	480	475	107
Colorado	1,230	1,180	1,180	96
Idaho	325	330	320	98
Iowa	385	355	390	101
Kansas	2,500	2,480	2,450	98
Nebraska	2,430	2,230	2,290	94
New Mexico	116	108	106	91
Oklahoma	410	360	345	84
S Dakota	205	195	200	98
Texas	2,930	2,880	2,850	97
Washington	243	247	237	98
Other States	420	415	405	96
UNITED STATES	11,941	11,565	11,559	97

[1] Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

CATTLE ON FEED DOWN

Nationally, cattle and calves on feed February 1, 2002 in feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head for slaughter totaled 11.6 million head, down 3% from a year earlier and slightly below February 1, 2000.

Placements in feedlots during January 2002 totaled 2.17 million head, 4% below 2001 and 2% below 2000. Net placements were 2.08 million. During January, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 381,000, 600-699 pounds were 614,000, 700-799 pounds were 734,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 437,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during January 2002 totaled 2.08 million, up 2% from both 2001 and 2000. Other disappearance totaled 89,000 head during January, 14% above 2001 and 29% above 2000.

TURKEY HATCHERY - FEBRUARY 1

GEOGRAPHIC DIVISION	Eggs in Incubators February 1			Poults Placed During January [1]		
	2001	2002	2002 as % of 2001	2000	2001	2001 as % of 2000
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
North & South Atlantic	**9,775**	**9,840**	101	8,281	8,753	106
East North Central	4,934	4,919	100	3,501	3,788	108
West North Central	10,945	11,369	104	8,775	9,073	103
South Central	3,060	3,212	105	2,494	2,743	110
West	3,295	2,766	84	2,561	1,701	66
UNITED STATES	32,009	32,106	100	25,612	26,058	102

[1] Regional placements refer to poults placed from hatcheries located in that region, and not the actual location of the birds after placement.

TURKEY EGGS AND POULTS UP

Nationally, turkey eggs in incubators on February 1, 2002 totaled 32.1 million, up slightly from a year ago. Eggs in incubators were marginally lower than the January 1, 2002 total. The 26.1 million poults placed during January 2002 in the U.S. were up 2% from a year ago. Placements were up 6% from the December 2001 total of 24.6 million. Regional placement percent changes from the previous year were: N & S Atlantic, up 6%; E N Central, up 8%; W N Central, up 3%; S Central, up 10%; and West, down 34%.

U. S. RED MEAT PRODUCTION RECORD HIGH

Nationally, **commercial red meat** production during January 2002 totaled 4.08 billion pounds dress weight, up 4% from January 2001 and a new record high for January. Commercial red meat production includes slaughter in federally inspected and other plants but excludes animals slaughtered on farms.

Beef production for the U.S. totaled 2.3 billion pounds dress weight, was up 6% from a year earlier and a new record high for January. Cattle slaughter totaled 3.1 million head, up 2% from a year earlier. The average live weight increased 34 pounds to 1,260. **Veal production** totaled 17 million pounds dress weight, down 5% from a year earlier. Calf slaughter totaled 87,400 head, down 4% from a year earlier. The average live weight decreased 1 pound to 321. **Pork production**, at 1.72 billion pounds dress weight, was up 1% from the previous year and a new record high for January. Hog kill totaled 8.7 million head, virtually unchanged from 2001. The average live weight increased 3 pounds to 268. **Lamb and mutton production**, at 18 million pounds dress weight, was down 7% from the previous year. Sheep slaughter totaled 254,900 head, down 5% from a year ago. The average live weight decreased 3 pounds to 140.

Commercial slaughter of livestock in North Carolina during January 2002 totaled 227 million pounds live weight, virtually unchanged from a year earlier. Cattle slaughter, at 18 million pounds live weight, was up 5% from a year earlier. Calf slaughter, totaled 62,000 pounds, down 29%. Hog slaughter, at 209 million pounds live weight, was down slightly from a year earlier. The average live weight per head was: cattle 1,077 pounds; calves 395 pounds; and hogs 257 pounds. Commercial red meat production in North Carolina during January 2002 totaled 166 million pounds dress weight, down slightly from a year earlier.

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER - JANUARY

SPECIES	NORTH CAROLINA				UNITED STATES					
	Number Slaughtered [1]		Total Live Weight		Number Slaughtered [1]		Total Live Weight		Total Dressed Weight [2]	
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002
	Thous. Head		Thous. Pounds		Million Head		Million Pounds		Million Pounds	
Cattle	16.3	16.7	17,148	17,957	3.0	3.1	3,679	3,851	2,205	2,330
Calves	0.2	0.2	87	62	0.1	0.1	29	28	18	17
Sheep & Lambs					0.3	0.3	38	36	19	18
Hogs	837.9	813.3	209,681	208,743	8.6	8.7	2,286	2,317	1,692	1,716
TOTAL	854.4	830.2	226,916	226,762	12.0	12.2	6,032	6,232	3,934	4,081

[1] Includes slaughter under Federal inspection and other commercial slaughter, excludes farm slaughter. [2] Totals may not equal sum due to rounding.

MILK PRODUCTION DOWN

North Carolina annual milk production for 2001 totaled 1.16 billion pounds, down 2% from the 1.19 billion in 2000. The number of milk cows averaged 67,000 during 2001, down 4,000 from the previous year. Average milk per cow was 17,373 pounds, up 627 pounds from 2000.

U.S. annual milk production for 2001 totaled 165 billion pounds, down 1% from the 168 billion in 2000. This was the first year of decreased milk production since 1996. Production per cow averaged 18,139 pounds, down 62 pounds from 2000. Average production per cow has increased 16% since 1992. The average number of milk cows during the year was 9.12 million head, down 1% from 2000.

MILK COWS AND MILK PRODUCTION, UNITED STATES, 1992-2001

YEAR	MILK COWS [1]	MILK PER COW [2]	MILK PRODUCTION [3]
	Thousands	*Pounds*	*Millions Pounds*
1992	9,688	15,570	150,847
1993	9,581	15,722	150,636
1994	9,494	16,179	153,602
1995	9,466	16,405	155,292
1996	9,372	16,433	154,006
1997	9,252	16,871	156,091
1998	9,154	17,189	157,348
1999	9,156	17,772	162,716
2000	9,206	18,201	167,559
2001	9,115	18,139	165,336

[1] Average number during year, excluding heifers not yet fresh. [2] Excludes milk sucked by calves.

MILK COWS AND MILK PRODUCTION BY QUARTER - N.C.

QUARTER	MILK COWS [1]		MILK PER COW [2]		MILK PRODUCTION [3]		
	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001	2001 as % of 2000
	Thousands		*Pounds*		*Million Pounds*		*Percent*
Jan-Mar	72	68	4,389	4,397	316	299	95
Apr-Jun	72	68	4,208	4,397	303	299	99
Jul-Sep	71	67	3,972	4,194	282	281	100
Oct-Dec	69	66	4,174	4,318	288	285	99
Annual	71	67	16,746	17,373	1,189	1,164	98

[1] Includes dry cows. Excludes heifers not yet fresh. [2] Milk per cow is derived. [3] Excludes milk sucked by calves.

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N. C. EGG PRODUCTION DOWN UNITED STATES UP

North Carolina laying flocks produced 192 million eggs during February 2002, down 2% from a year earlier. Production consisted of 68 million table eggs and 124 million hatching eggs. Table eggs were down 9%, while hatching eggs increased 2% from a year earlier. The average number of layers on hand during February was 11.1 million, down 1% from a year earlier. This number consisted of 3.2 million layers for table eggs and 7.9 million for broiler-type and egg-type hatching eggs.

U.S. egg production totaled 6.56 billion during February 2002, up 1% from a year earlier. Production included 5.57 billion table eggs and 987 million hatching eggs, of which 929 million were broiler-type and 58 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during February 2002 averaged 337 million, slightly above a year earlier. February egg production per 100 layers was 1,946 eggs, up slightly from 1,943 eggs in February 2001.

All layers in the U.S. on March 1, 2002, totaled 336 million, slightly below a year ago. The 336 million layers consisted of 277 million layers producing table or commercial type eggs, 56.9 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.63 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Daily rate of lay on March 1, 2002, averaged 70.5 eggs per 100 layers, up 1% from the 69.5 a year ago.

EGG PRODUCTION - FEBRUARY

STATE	LAYERS ON HAND		TOTAL EGGS PRODUCED		TABLE EGGS		HATCHING EGGS	
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002
	Thousands		*Million Eggs*					
North Carolina	**11,271**	**11,146**	**196**	**192**	**75**	**68**	**121**	**124**
Alabama	10,308	10,567	180	183	54	56	126	127
Florida	10,896	10,638	213	205	200	192	13	13
Georgia	20,749	20,928	379	381	220	222	159	159
South Carolina	5,522	5,497	102	104	85	88	17	16
UNITED STATES	335,813	336,896	6,524	6,557	5,517	5,570	1,007	987

TURKEY EGGS AND POULTS UP

Nationally, turkey eggs in incubators on March 1, 2002 totaled 32.6 million, up 2% from a year earlier. Eggs in incubators were up 2% from the February 1 total of 31.9 million. The 24.3 million poults placed during February 2002 in the United States were up 2% from the placements during the same month a year ago. Placements were down 6% from the January 2002 total of 25.9 million. Regional placement percent changes from the previous year were: N & S Atlantic, up 1%; E N Central, unchanged; W N Central, up 8%; S Central, up 7%; and West, down 18%.

TURKEY HATCHERY - MARCH 1

GEOGRAPHIC DIVISION	Eggs in Incubators March 1			Poults Placed During February [1]		
	2001	2002	2002 as % of 2001	2001	2002	2002 as % of 2001
	Thousands		*Percent*	*Thousands*		*Percent*
North & South Atlantic	**9,816**	**10,002**	**102**	**7,156**	**7,247**	**101**
East North Central	4,931	4,881	99	3,559	3,557	100
West North Central	10,721	11,720	109	8,275	8,939	108
South Central	3,008	2,892	96	2,323	2,496	107
West	3,329	3,101	93	2,462	2,027	82
UNITED STATES	31,805	32,596	102	23,775	24,266	102

[1] *Regional placements refer to poults placed from hatcheries located in that region, and not the actual location of the birds after placement.*

PEANUT STOCKS UP

Peanut stocks in commercial storage January 31, 2002 in the United States were up 41% from last year and totaled 3.88 billion pounds of equivalent farmer stock, compared to 2.75 billion pounds last year. This total includes 2.89 billion pounds of actual farmer stock.

Shelled peanuts on hand totaled 939 million pounds of farmer stock equivalent. Roasting stock totaled 51.0 million pounds. There were 798 million pounds of Commodity Credit Corporation uncommitted stocks on hand as of January 31, 2002.

Shelled peanut stocks totaled 706 million pounds of which 689 million pounds were edible grades and 16.4 million pounds were oil stocks. Edible grade stocks by type were 136 million pounds of Virginias, 518 million pounds of Runners, and 36.0 million pounds of Spanish.

PRICES RECEIVED FOR SELECTED COMMODITIES

The average price received for all tobacco by North Carolina farmers in February 2002 was $1.855 per pound, down 6.5 cents from the previous month, but one half cent above a year ago. The February corn price, at $2.25 per bushel, was down 4 cents from a month earlier and was 11 cents below a year ago. Cotton prices rose .8 cent in February to 34.6 cents per pound, but were 15.6 cents below a year ago. The February soybean price, at $4.20 per bushel, was down 5 cents from a month earlier and was 28 cents below a year ago.

Prices received for all hogs in February, at $39.00 per hundredweight, were unchanged from January, but were 70 cents below the previous year. Table eggs, at 34 cents per dozen, were down 12 cents from a month earlier and were 9.8 cents below the previous year.

PRICES RECEIVED

COMMODITY	UNIT	NORTH CAROLINA			UNITED STATES		
		Feb. 2001	Jan. 2002	Feb. 2002	Feb. 2001	Jan. 2002	Feb. 2002
		Entire Month	*Entire Month*	*Mid Month*	*Entire Month*	*Entire Month*	*Mid Month*
				Dollars			
Tobacco, All [1]	Lb.	1.850	1.920	1.855	2.015	1.925	1.890
Corn	Bu.	2.36	2.29	2.25	1.96	1.97	1.93
Cotton	Lb.	.502	.338	.346	.485	.289	.297
Soybeans	Bu.	4.48	4.25	4.20	4.46	4.22	4.19
Peanuts, In Shell	Lb.	-	.176	-	-	.137	.107
Hogs, All	Cwt.	39.70	39.00	39.00	39.20	37.70	38.40
Com'l Broilers [2]	Lb.	-	-	-	.370	.370	.340
Turkeys [2 3]	Lb.	.360	-	-	.363	.341	.341
Eggs [3 4]	Doz.	.438	.460	.340	.509	.450	.366
Milk, All [2]	Cwt.	-	-	-	13.00	13.40	13.30
Potatoes	Cwt.	-	-	-	5.26	6.90	7.51
Apples, Com'l. [1]	Lb.	-	-	-	.152	.217	.214
Hay, All [3]	Ton	-	-	-	86.90	93.00	90.40

[1] Entire month. [2] North Carolina monthly estimates discontinued. [3] Mid month. [4] Market (Table) eggs including eggs sold retail by producers.

NORTH CAROLINA PRICES RECEIVED INDEX

The February 2002 "All Farm Products" index of prices received by North Carolina farmers, at 238% of its 1967 base, was down 9 points from the previous month. Contributing most to the decrease were lower prices for tobacco, corn, soybeans, and eggs. The index was 10 points below a year earlier.

The February 2002 "All Crops" index, at 250, was 7 points below both the previous month and a year earlier. The "Livestock and Livestock Products" index for February 2002, at 217, was down 12 points from the previous month and was 16 points below the previous year.

The meat animals index for February 2002, at 249, was up 5 points from the previous month, but was 10 points below a year ago. The poultry index, at 197, was down 22 points from the previous month and was 21 points below a year earlier. The dairy index, at 229, was down 10 points from a month earlier and was 11 points below the previous year.

FARM PRICES INDEX NUMBERS

INDEX (1967 = 100)	Feb. 15 2000 [1]	Feb. 15 2001 [1]	Jan. 15 2002 [1]	Feb. 15 2002
NORTH CAROLINA				
Prices Received: All Farm Products	248	248	247	238
All Crops	264	257	257	250
Tobacco	289	282	293	283
Oil Bearing	213	202	156	155
Grains	180	172	167	164
Commercial Vegetables	205	200	197	197
Fruits	305	318	318	318
Livestock and Livestock Products	221	233	229	217
Meat Animals	253	259	244	249
Poultry	205	218	219	197
Dairy	222	240	239	229
UNITED STATES				
Prices Received, All Farm Products	234	254	242	252
Prices Paid, Commodities & Services [2]	[4]	[4]	476	[4]
Parity Ratio [3]	[4]	[4]	51	[4]

[1] Revised. [2] Including Interest, Taxes and Farm Wage Rates. [3] Ratio of Index of Prices Received by Farmers to Index of Prices Paid. [4] Available quarterly following February 1986 Survey.

ANNUAL COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER AND RED MEAT PRODUCTION BY MONTHS AND TOTAL, NORTH CAROLINA, 2001 [1]

MONTH	CATTLE		CALVES		HOGS		SHEEP AND LAMBS		TOTAL RED MEAT [3]
	Number Slaughtered	Tot. Live Weight	Number Slaughtered	Tot. Live Weight	Number Slaughtered	Tot. Live Weight	Number Slaughtered	Tot. Live Weight	Dress Weight
	Number Head	*Thous. Pounds*	*Number Head*	*Thous. Pounds*	*Number Head*	*Thous. Pounds*	*Number Head*	*Thous. Pounds*	*Million Pounds*
January	16,300	17,148	200	87	837,900	209,681	100	6	166.2
February	13,900	14,564	200	75	747,900	186,593	-	-	147.9
March	15,500	16,053	200	67	841,700	211,860	100	6	167.5
April	13,400	14,097	200	61	788,800	200,171	100	8	157.7
May	16,800	17,758	200	66	869,000	220,073	100	6	174.3
June	13,400	14,127	100	57	799,200	200,263	100	6	157.7
July	13,700	14,507	200	74	758,400	188,655	100	6	149.6
August	15,200	16,429	200	64	847,700	212,326	100	6	168.9
September	14,400	15,302	100	51	777,500	197,512	100	5	157.1
October	18,500	19,571	200	64	933,300	240,894	-	-	191.2
November	16,600	17,723	100	57	857,500	222,522	100	13	176.7
December	15,400	16,422	200	64	829,200	211,458	100	9	167.1
Total	183,200	193,700	2,000	788	9,888,200	2,502,007	800	82	1981.9

[1] Includes slaughter under Federal inspection and other commercial slaughter, excludes farm slaughter. [2] Months may not add to totals due to rounding. [3] Includes total beef, veal, pork, lamb and mutton.

RED MEAT PRODUCTION: FEDERALLY INSPECTED, COMMERCIAL AND FARM, BY MONTHS AND TOTAL, UNITED STATES, 2001 [1]

MONTH	BEEF		VEAL		PORK [2]		LAMB AND MUTTON		TOTAL RED MEAT [2]	
	Federal Inspection	Total	Federal Inspection	Total	Federal Inspection	Total	Federal Inspection	Total	Federal Inspection	Total
	Million Pounds									
January	2,172	2,205	17	18	1,672	1,693	18	19	3,880	3,935
February	1,852	1,881	15	16	1,467	1,486	17	17	3,351	3,400
March	2,065	2,096	16	16	1,606	1,626	23	23	3,710	3,762
April	1,910	1,939	15	15	1,514	1,533	19	20	3,458	3,507
May	2,265	2,294	15	16	1,535	1,555	16	17	3,832	3,882
June	2,241	2,269	15	16	1,439	1,458	16	16	3,711	3,759
July	2,150	2,177	15	16	1,416	1,435	16	17	3,597	3,645
August	2,396	2,425	17	17	1,579	1,600	18	19	4,009	4,061
September	2,090	2,121	14	15	1,492	1,513	16	16	3,612	3,666
October	2,353	2,389	17	18	1,818	1,838	19	20	4,206	4,265
November	2,171	2,201	16	16	1,715	1,733	19	20	3,920	3,970
December	2,078	2,110	15	16	1,648	1,688	18	19	3,759	3,814
Total Commercial [3]	25,743	26,108	188	194	18,899	19,139	216	224	45,045	45,664
Farm		105		10		22		4		141
Total		26,213		204		19,161		228		45,805

[1] Months may not add to totals due to rounding. [2] Excludes lard and rendered pork fat. [3] Based on packers' dressed weight and excludes farm slaughter.

CATTLE ON FEED DOWN

Nationally, cattle and calves on feed March 1, 2002 in feedlots of 1,000 or more head for slaughter totaled 11.5 million head, down 2% from the previous year, but 2% above March 1, 2000.

Placements in feedlots during February totaled 1.81 million, 14% above a year ago, but 4% below 2000. Net placements were 1.7 million. During February, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 260,000, 600-699 pounds were 410,000, 700-799 pounds were 662,000, 800 pounds and over were 473,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during February 2002 totaled 1.8 million, 3% above 2001, but 12% below 2000. Other disappearance totaled 63,000 during February, down 22% from 2001 and 19% below 2000.

CATTLE ON FEED: NUMBER ON FEED, 1,000 + Capacity Feedlots [1]

STATE	MARCH 1, 2001	FEBRUARY 1, 2002	MARCH 1, 2002	
			NUMBER	2002 as % of 2001
		1,000 Head		*Percent*
Arizona	307	311	310	101
California	440	475	475	108
Colorado	1,190	1,180	1,150	97
Idaho	320	320	315	98
Iowa	385	395	400	104
Kansas	2,470	2,450	2,420	98
Nebraska	2,380	2,290	2,300	97
New Mexico	111	109	109	98
Oklahoma	390	350	345	88
S Dakota	207	200	210	101
Texas	2,840	2,850	2,850	100
Washington	245	237	229	93
Other States	410	405	405	99
UNITED STATES	11,695	11,572	11,518	98

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CORN ACREAGE INTENTIONS UP; COTTON AND SOYBEANS DOWN

Spring has arrived for North Carolina farmers, but below normal precipitation for most areas has raised concerns for spring planting. Topsoil moisture, however, is reflective of the recent rains with its most recent rating at 3% very short, 16% short, 62% adequate, and 19% surplus. Presently, spring planting of Irish potatoes and cabbage is underway. Planting intentions have never been more in question than this year. The current state of agricultural production combined with an uncertain Farm Bill have many farmers taking a wait and see approach. The current estimates are based on prospective plantings as of March 1.

The trend toward increased **cotton** acres appears to be halted. For the first time since 1997, cotton farmers intend to plant less than the previous year. Planted acres for 2002 are estimated at 950,000, a decrease of 20,000 acres from last year. An estimated 780,000 acres, or 82%, will be planted in biotechnology varieties. This is down 2% from 2001. More than any other crop, this year's Farm Bill will dictate cotton acres.

In sharp contrast to cotton, an increase in **corn** acreage should occur for the first time since 1996. Corn plantings are expected to reach 770,000 acres, 70,000 acres more than last year.

Soybean plantings, at 1.35 million acres, are expected to decrease 30,000 from a year ago. Forecasted soybean acres are at their lowest level since 1996. However, since the planting window for soybeans is longer, farmers may shift cropland acres to soybeans if the weather does not allow other crops to be planted.

Typically with **flue-cured tobacco,** the acres for harvest roughly mirrors the quota levels established by the USDA. This year's quota is up 6% from last year, but acres for harvest, at 161,000, is only up 4%. Farmers in North Carolina had above average yields the last two years so carryover stocks are high, leaving fewer acres needed to meet the quota.

Burley tobacco growers expect to harvest 6,500 acres in 2002, down 4% from 2001 harvested acres. Growers had a better year in 2001 as more blue mold resistant varieties were planted. The weather was also more favorable than in recent previous years. Still, more growers continue to drop out due to the challenges of contending with this disease.

Peanut growers in the State intend to plant 122,000 acres, a 1% decrease from 2001 planted acres. The 2002 quota established in December 2001 remained the same as the previous year, but many growers are still undecided about their mix of crops due to the uncertainty of the Farm Bill. Growers are hoping for more precipitation to boost the soil moisture levels before planting begins.

Sweetpotato growers intend to plant 37,000 acres, the same as last year.

Hay producers expect to cut 730,000 acres, 3% above 2001.

Wheat plantings in North Carolina, at 650,000 acres, are up 8% from the December estimate. However, plantings are down 30,000 acres from the previous year. The current condition of the wheat crop is mostly good.

United States intentions of planted acres with percent changes from 2001 are as follows: **corn** 79 million, up 4%; **all cotton** 14.8 million, down 6%; **flue-cured tobacco** 245,500, up 3%; **burley tobacco** 158,600, down 4%; **soybeans** 73 million, down 2%; **peanuts** 1.47 million, down 5%; **sweetpotatoes** 95,600, down 2%; and **winter wheat** 41.1 million, slightly down from 2001, but fractionally higher than the December 1 forecast.

The acreage estimates in this report are based on a survey conducted during the first two weeks of March. The next **Acreage** report will be released June 28, 2002.

2002 PROSPECTIVE PLANTINGS

CROPS	NORTH CAROLINA			UNITED STATES		
	2001	2002 Intentions	Percent Change	2001	2002 Intentions	Percent Change
	Thousand Acres			*Thousand Acres*		
Corn, All	700	770	+ 10	75,752	79,047	+ 4
Cotton, All [1]	970	950	- 2	15,787.8	14,770.5	- 6
Hay, All [2]	710	730	+ 3	63,511	63,743	0
Peanuts	123	122	- 1	1,543	1,465	- 5
Small Grain:						
Barley [3]	28	31	+ 11	4,967	5,078	+ 2
Oats [3]	60	75	+ 25	4,403	5,129	+ 16
Wheat, All [3]	680	650	- 4	59,617	59,004	- 1
Sorghum, All	15	15	0	10,252	9,015	- 12
Soybeans	1,380	1,350	- 2	74,105	72,966	- 2
Sweetpotatoes	37	37	0	97.9	95.6	- 2
Tobacco:						
Flue-cured [2]	155.0	161.0	+ 4	238.5	245.5	+ 3
Type 11 [2]	42.0	44.0	+ 5	62.5	66.0	+ 6
Type 12 [2]	93.0	95.0	+ 2	93.0	95.0	+ 2
Type 13 [2]	20.0	22.0	+ 10	52.0	52.0	0
Type 14 [2]	-	-	-	31.0	32.5	+ 5
Burley [2]	6.8	6.5	- 4	164.5	158.6	- 4
All [2]	161.8	167.5	+ 4	432.6	429.4	- 1

[1] U.S. includes Upland and American-Pima. [2] Data for hay and tobacco represent harvested acres. [3] Includes acreage planted in preceding fall.

RED MEAT PRODUCTION UP

Commercial red meat production in North Carolina during February 2002 totaled 161 million pounds dress weight, up 9% fr a year earlier. Commercial slaughter of livestock in North Carolina during February 2002 totaled 219 million pounds live weig up 9% from a year earlier. Cattle slaughter, at 16 million pounds, was up 7% from a year earlier. Calf slaughter totaled 49,(pounds, down 35%. Hog slaughter, at 204 million pounds live weight, was up 9% from a year earlier. The average live weight head was: cattle 1,083 pounds; calves 400 pounds; and hogs 257 pounds.

Nationally, commercial red meat production during February 2002 totaled 3.50 billion pounds dress weight, up 3% fr February 2001. Commercial red meat production includes slaughter in federally inspected and other plants, but excludes anim slaughtered on farms. **Beef production** for the U.S. totaled 1.99 billion pounds dress weight, up 6% from a year earlier. Ca slaughter totaled 2.61 million head, up 1% from a year earlier. The average live weight increased 38 pounds to 1,255. **V production** totaled 14 million pounds dress weight, down 8% from a year earlier and a new record low for February. C slaughter totaled 73,000 head, down 7% from a year earlier. The average live weight decreased 2 pounds to 326. **Pork producti** at 1.48 billion pounds dress weight, was virtually unchanged from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 7.5 million head, 1% bel February 2001. The average live weight increased 3 pounds to 267. **Lamb and mutton production,** at 18 million pounds dr weight, was up 1% from the previous year. Sheep slaughter totaled 256,100 head, up 4% from a year ago. The average live wei decreased 5 pounds to 138.

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER - FEBRUARY

SPECIES	NORTH CAROLINA				UNITED STATES					
	Number Slaughtered [1]		Total Live Weight		Number Slaughtered [1]		Total Live Weight		Total Dressed Weight [2]	
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002
	Thous. Head		*Thous. Pounds*		*Million Head*		*Million Pounds*		*Million Pounds*	
Cattle	13.9	14.4	14,564	15,545	2.6	2.6	3,139	3,282	1,881	1,987
Calves	0.2	0.1	75	49	0.1	0.1	26	24	16	14
Sheep & Lambs					0.2	0.3	35	35	17	18
Hogs	747.9	791.9	186,593	203,515	7.6	7.5	2,005	2,000	1,486	1,482
TOTAL	762.0	806.4	201,232	219,109	10.5	10.5	5,205	5,341	3,400	3,501

[1] Includes slaughter under Federal inspection and other commercial slaughter, excludes farm slaughter.
[2] Totals may not equal sum due to rounding.

PEANUT STOCKS UP

Peanut stocks in commercial storage February 28, 2002 in the United States were up 43% from last year and totaled 3 billion pounds of equivalent farmer stock, compared to 2.53 billion pounds last year. This total includes 2.53 billion pounds actual farmer stock.

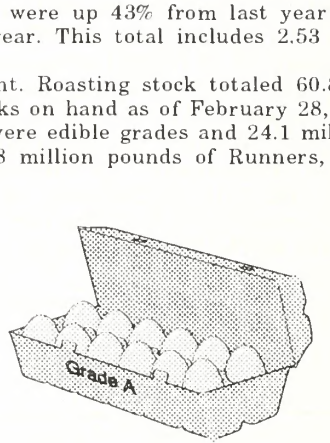
Shelled peanuts on hand totaled 1.02 billion pounds of farmer stock equivalent. Roasting stock totaled 60.8 million poun There were 761 million pounds of Commodity Credit Corporation uncommitted stocks on hand as of February 28, 2002.

Shelled peanut stocks totaled 766 million pounds of which 742 million pounds were edible grades and 24.1 million pounds w oil stocks. Edible grade stocks by type were 154 million pounds of Virginias, 548 million pounds of Runners, and 40.2 mill pounds of Spanish.

CHICKS HATCHED - FEBRUARY

STATE	BROILER-TYPE		
	2001	2002	2002 as % of 2001
	Thousands		*Percent*
North Carolina	57,434	61,281	107
Alabama	90,907	97,410	107
Arkansas	96,511	100,381	104
Delaware	13,043	11,771	90
Florida	8,206	7,529	92
Georgia	99,836	102,976	103
Maryland	27,266	31,651	116
Mississippi	59,537	62,327	105
Pennsylvania	11,665	11,171	96
South Carolina	15,107	14,921	99
Texas	47,633	50,822	107
Virginia	21,666	21,668	100
California, Tennessee & West Virginia	36,657	34,782	95
15 STATES [1]	585,468	608,690	104
Other States [2]	85,030	93,886	110
UNITED STATES	670,498	702,576	105

[1] States in the weekly hatchery production estimating program are those listed above. [2] Not published separately to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.



CHICKS HATCHED - FEBRUARY

STATE	EGG-TYPE		
	2001	2002	2002 as % of 2001
	Thousands		*Percent*
Arkansas	986	811	82
Florida	1,135	611	54
Georgia	1,874	2,157	115
Indiana	7,113	4,883	69
Iowa	5,180	4,356	84
Minnesota	1,902	1,360	72
Pennsylvania	5,467	4,094	75
Other States [1]	14,541	16,054	110
UNITED STATES	38,198	34,326	90

[1] Not published separately to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

HOG INVENTORY UP

All hogs and pigs on **North Carolina** farms on March 1, 2002 totaled 9.6 million head, up 3% from a year ago and the same as December 2001. Inventory consisted of 4% more market hogs than last March, totaling 8.6 million head. Breeding stock, at 1.0 million head, remains unchanged from the previous year and the previous quarter. North Carolina ranks 2nd nationally in the number of hogs and pigs behind Iowa.

The State's pig crop during the December 2001-February 2002 period totaled 4,833,000 head, up 3% from the same months last year. These pigs were produced by 540,000 sows, 2% above last year. Pigs saved per litter averaged 8.95, up a tenth of a pig from last year's litter rate.

North Carolina producers intend to farrow 550,000 sows during each of the next two quarters, March-May 2002 and June-August 2002. If these intentions materialize, farrowings will be 1% above the same six month period last year.

United States inventory of hogs and pigs on March 1, 2002 was estimated at 58.7 million head, 2% above March 2001, but 1% below December 1, 2001. Breeding inventory, at 6.24 million head, was up slightly from both March 1, 2001 and last quarter. Market hogs totaled 52.5 million head, 2% above March 1, 2001, but 1% below last quarter.

The December 2001 through February 2002 U.S. pig crop, at 24.7 million head, was 3% more than last year and 1% more than 2000. Pigs saved per litter averaged 8.73 compared with 8.72 last year.

Producers intend to have 2.90 million sows farrowing during the March-May 2002 period, 1% above the actual farrowings during the same period in 2001. June through August farrowings are expected to total 2.90 million sows, also 1% above the June-August 2001 farrowings.

HOGS AND PIGS - MARCH 1, Number on Farms, Sows Farrowing and Pig Crop

ITEM	NORTH CAROLINA			UNITED STATES		
	2001	2002	2002 as % of 2001	2001	2002	2002 as % of 2001
	Thousand Head		Percent	Thousand Head		Percent
NUMBER ON FARMS MARCH 1:						
All Hogs and Pigs	9,300	9,600	103	57,524	58,698	102
Kept for breeding	1,000	1,000	100	6,232	6,236	100
Market	8,300	8,600	104	51,292	52,461	102
Market Hogs and Pigs By Weight Groups:						
Under 60 Lbs.	3,350	3,400	101	18,737	19,381	103
60-119 Lbs.	1,800	1,950	108	12,417	12,730	103
120-179 Lbs.	1,700	1,750	103	10,805	10,914	101
180 Lbs. and Over	1,450	1,500	103	9,334	9,436	101
SOWS FARROWING:						
December [1]-February	530	540	102	2,748	2,832	103
March-May	540	550 [2]	102	2,870	2,896 [2]	101
December [1]-May [4]	1070	1090 [3]	102	5,619	5,728 [3]	102
June-August	550	550 [2]	100	2,878	2,896 [2]	101
September-November	530	-	-	2,846	-	-
June-November	1080	-	-	5,724	-	-
PIG CROP:						
December [1]-February	4,691	4,833	103	23,963	24,711	103
March-May	4,860	-	-	25,509	-	-
December [1]-May	9,551	-	-	49,472	-	-
June-August	5,005	-	-	25,539	-	-
September-November	4,744	-	-	24,972	-	-
June-November	9,749	-	-	50,511	-	-
	Number			Number		
PIGS PER LITTER:						
December [1]-February	8.85	8.95	101	8.72	8.73	100
March-May	9.00	-	-	8.89	-	-
December [1]-May	8.93	-	-	8.81	-	-
June-August	9.10	-	-	8.87	-	-
September-November	8.95	-	-	8.78	-	-
June-November	9.03	-	-	8.82	-	-

[1] December preceding year. [2] Intentions. [3] Actual farrowings for December-February plus intentions for March-May. [4] May not add due to rounding.

CHICKEN EGGS IN INCUBATORS - MARCH 1

GEOGRAPHIC DIVISION	BROILER-TYPE			EGG-TYPE		
	2001	2002	2002 as % of 2001	2001	2002	2002 as % of 2001
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
South Atlantic	**235,876**	**242,047**	**103**	**3,983**	**3,941**	**99**
North Atlantic	11,939	12,592	105	5,235	4,821	92
East North Central	6,399	7,491	117	8,434	7,413	88
West North Central	21,180	21,529	102	6,755	6,520	97
South Central	326,764	343,017	105	6,028	5,117	85
West	25,060	23,047	92	5,086	5,021	99
UNITED STATES	627,218	649,723	104	35,521	32,833	92

Regional Listing:
North Atlantic = CT, ME, MA, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT.
E North Central = IL, IN, MI, OH, WI.
W North Central = IA, KS, MN, MO, NE, ND, SD.
South Atlantic = DE, FL, GA, MD, NC, SC, VA, WV.
South Central = AL, AR, KY, LA, MS, OK, TN, TX.
West = AK, AZ, CA, CO, HI, ID, MT, NM, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY.

UPLAND COTTON BIOTECHNOLOGY VARIETIES BY STATE AND UNITED STATES, PERCENT OF UPLAND COTTON PLANTED, 2001-2002

State	Insect Resistant (Bt)		Herbicide Resistant		Stacked Gene		All Biotech Varieties	
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002
North Carolina	**9**	**8**	**37**	**27**	**38**	**47**	**84**	**82**
Arkansas	21	21	29	35	28	28	78	84
California	11	12	27	41	2	5	40	58
Georgia	13	11	43	52	29	27	85	90
Louisiana	30	27	14	5	47	57	91	89
Mississippi	10	20	15	18	61	49	86	87
Texas	8	5	35	43	6	4	49	52
Other States	18	19	33	32	33	31	84	82
United States	13	12	32	36	24	23	69	71

BIOTECHNOLOGY VARIETIES FOR UNITED STATES: PERCENT PLANTED CORN, AND SOYBEANS 2001-2002

Commodity	Insect Resistant (Bt)		Herbicide Resistant		Stacked Gene		All Biotech Varieties	
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002
Corn	18	22	7	8	1	2	26	32
Soybean			68	74			68	74

GRAIN STOCKS, MARCH 1, 2002, WITH COMPARISONS

YEAR	STOCKS ON FARMS				STOCKS IN OFF-FARM POSITIONS [1]				TOTAL STOCKS ALL POSITIONS			
	March 1	June 1	Sept. 1	Dec. 1	**March 1**	June 1	Sept. 1	Dec. 1	**March 1**	June 1	Sept. 1	Dec. 1
						Thousand Bushels						
NORTH CAROLINA												
CORN:												
2000	10,000	3,800	1,400	26,000	12,663	7,399	6,355	22,934	22,663	11,199	7,755	48,934
2001	16,000	7,800	2,150	22,500	20,280	10,939	6,621	23,329	36,280	18,739	8,771	45,829
2002	**14,000**				**20,095**				**34,095**			
SOYBEANS:												
2000	*	*	*	*	11,494	6,670	*	15,821	*	*	*	*
2001	*	*	*	*	11,923	6,598	3,983	15,526	*	*	*	*
2002	*				**9,701**				*			
WHEAT:												
2000	700	245	3,000	1,300	3,409	3,764	10,993	8,403	4,109	4,009	13,993	9,703
2001	600	190	2,000	1,600	7,321	3,231	9,003	5,882	7,921	3,421	11,003	7,482
2002	**200**				**4,722**				**4,922**			

[1] Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals and processors. * Data no longer published, figures included in U.S. total.

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PRICES RECEIVED FOR SELECTED COMMODITIES

The average price received for corn by North Carolina farmers in March 2002 was $2.30 per bushel, down 14 cents from the previous month and 16 cents below a year ago. The March soybean price, at $4.55 per bushel, was up 23 cents from the previous month and 11 cents above a year earlier.

Prices received for all hogs in March, at $35.80 per hundredweight, were down $3.50 from February and $11.00 below a year ago. The price for table eggs increased 25 cents in March to 55.0 cents per dozen. Domestic demand was strong from an early Easter holiday. The March price for table eggs was 4.6 cents above a year earlier.

PRICES RECEIVED

COMMODITY	UNIT	NORTH CAROLINA			UNITED STATES		
		Mar. 2001	Feb. 2002	Mar. 2002	Mar. 2001	Feb. 2002	Mar. 2002
		Entire Month	*Entire Month*	*Mid Month*	*Entire Month*	*Entire Month*	*Mid Month*
				Dollars			
Tobacco, All [1]	Lb.	-	1.855	-	1.720	1.875	1.390
Corn	Bu.	2.46	2.44	2.30	1.96	1.93	1.92
Cotton	Lb.	.467	.346	-	.411	.287	.284
Soybeans	Bu.	4.44	4.32	4.55	4.39	4.21	4.39
Peanuts, In Shell	Lb.	-	-	-	-	.107	-
Hogs, All	Cwt.	46.80	39.30	35.80	45.90	38.50	36.30
Com'l Broilers [2]	Lb.	-	-	-	.400	.340	.320
Turkeys [2 3]	Lb.	.370	-	-	.371	.341	.329
Eggs [3 4]	Doz.	.504	.300	.550	.518	.366	.515
Milk, All [2]	Cwt.	-	-	-	13.90	13.10	12.70
Potatoes	Cwt.	-	-	-	5.12	7.60	8.29
Apples, Com'l. [1]	Lb.	-	-	-	.146	.214	.210
Hay, All [3]	Ton	-	-	-	90.10	90.40	91.40

[1] Entire month. [2] North Carolina monthly estimates discontinued. [3] Mid month. [4] Market (Table) eggs including eggs sold retail by producers.

FARM PRICES INDEX NUMBERS

INDEX (1967 = 100)	Mar. 15 2000[1]	Mar. 15 2001[1]	Feb. 15 2002[1]	Mar. 15 2002
NORTH CAROLINA				
Prices Received: All Farm Products	247	255	239	242
All Crops	265	258	252	252
Tobacco	289	282	283	283
Oil Bearing	217	201	158	163
Grains	183	179	177	167
Commercial Vegetables	205	200	197	197
Fruits	305	318	318	318
Livestock and Livestock Products	216	249	218	226
Meat Animals	271	290	250	241
Poultry	186	229	197	219
Dairy	223	250	229	225
UNITED STATES				
Prices Received, All Farm Products	241	263	251	269
Prices Paid, Commodities & Services [2]	[4]	[4]	[4]	[4]
Parity Ratio [3]	[4]	[4]	[4]	[4]

[1] Revised. [2] Including Interest, Taxes and Farm Wage Rates. [3] Ratio of Index of Prices Received by Farmers to Index of Prices Paid. [4] Available quarterly following February 1986 Survey.

NORTH CAROLINA PRICES RECEIVED INDEX

The March 2002 "All Farm Products" index of prices received by North Carolina farmers, at 242% of its 1967 base, was up 3 points from the previous month. Contributing to the increase were higher prices for soybeans and eggs. The index was 13 points below a year ago.

The March 2002 "All Crops" index, at 252, was unchanged from the previous month, but was 6 points below a year earlier. The "Livestock and Livestock Products" index for March 2002, at 226, was up 8 points from the previous month, but was 23 points below the previous year.

The meat animals index for March 2002, at 241, was down 9 points from the previous month and 49 points below a year earlier. The poultry index, at 219, was up 22 points from a month earlier, but was 10 points below the previous year. The dairy index, at 225, was down 4 points from a month earlier and 25 points below a year ago.

IRISH POTATO PRODUCTION DOWN

North Carolina's Irish potato crop is forecast at 3.4 million cwt., down 3% from 2001. The State's growers expect to harvest 17,500 acres, down 1,000 acres from last year. Yield is forecast at 195 cwt. per acre, up 5 cwt. from 2001. Planting was 85% complete by March 31 compared with the 5 year average of 92%. Potato condition was rated as 40% good and 43% fair on April 7.

U.S. production of spring potatoes for 2002 is forecast at 21.6 million cwt., down 1% from last year. Area for harvest is estimated at 76,700 acres, up 1% from 2001. The average yield is forecast at 282 cwt. per acre, down 4 cwt. from a year ago.

IRISH POTATOES: APRIL 1 FORECAST WITH COMPARISONS

Seasonal Group and State	AREA				YIELD		PRODUCTION		
	Planted		Harvested						
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2000	2001	2002
	1,000 Acres				*Cwt.*		*1,000 Cwt.*		
SPRING									
North Carolina	**19.5**	**18.0**	**18.5**	**17.5**	**190**	**195**	**3,400**	**3,515**	**3,413**
Arizona	8.2	7.8	8.2	7.8	270	270	2,520	2,214	2,106
California	15.5	18.0	15.5	18.0	390	400	7,426	6,045	7,200
Florida									
Hastings	18.5	19.2	18.0	18.7	330	290	4,868	5,940	5,423
Other	7.1	6.8	7.0	6.7	290	290	1,475	2,030	1,943
Texas	9.5	9.5	9.0	8.0	230	190	2,232	2,070	1,520
UNITED STATES	78.3	79.3	76.2	76.7	286	282	21,921	21,814	21,605

PEANUTS: ACRES, YIELD AND PRODUCTION AND VALUE OF PRODUCTION, 2000-2001 [1]

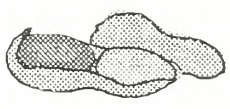
STATE	AREA PLANTED		AREA HARVESTED		YIELD		PRODUCTION		VALUE OF PRODUCTIO	
	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001
	1,000 Acres				*Pounds*		*1,000 Pounds*		*1,000 Dollars*	
North Carolina	**123.0**	**123.0**	**123.0**	**122.5**	**2,750**	**2,910**	**338,250**	**356,475**	**92,342**	**88,406**
Alabama	190.0	200.0	182.0	199.0	1,490	2,675	271,180	532,325	72,134	128,823
Florida	94.0	90.0	86.0	82.0	2,485	3,050	213,710	250,100	64,113	53,772
Georgia	494.0	515.0	492.0	514.0	2,700	3,330	1,328,400	1,711,620	379,922	388,538
New Mexico	27.3	22.2	26.0	22.2	2,115	3,020	54,990	67,044	17,597	18,437
Oklahoma	97.0	80.0	67.0	77.0	1,800	2,570	120,600	197,890	35,336	54,222
South Carolina	10.5	11.0	10.0	10.2	2,950	3,000	29,500	30,600	7,493	7,864
Texas	425.0	425.0	275.0	310.0	2,540	2,890	698,500	895,900	171,831	202,473
Virginia	76.0	75.0	75.0	75.0	2,805	3,130	210,375	234,750	55,329	58,922
United States	1,536.8	1,541.2	1,336.0	1,411.9	2,444	3,029	3,265,505	4,276,704	896,097	1,001,457

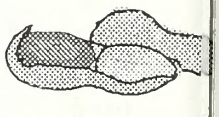
[1] 2001 Revised 4-10-02. [2] Includes government payments for loan peanuts, and marketing association payments for pool peanuts in years when there are pool profits. Pool profits for the 2001 crop if any, will be reflected in "Crop Values" published in February 2003.

PEANUTS: FARM MARKETINGS PERCENTS

STATE AND CROP YEAR	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan. [1]	Feb. [1]
	Percent						
2000 CROP							
North Carolina	-	**3.1**	**83.5**	**7.3**	**2.8**	**3.3**	-
Alabama	-	19.6	57.4	20.5	2.3	0.2	-
Florida	-	34.8	26.7	38.0	0.4	0.1	-
Georgia	-	16.3	56.7	26.3	0.6	0.1	-
Texas	-	5.2	37.3	52.7	4.8	-	-
Virginia	-	6.0	76.6	10.7	3.9	2.8	-
United States	-	13.2	54.7	29.3	2.2	0.6	-
2001 CROP							
North Carolina	-	**4.3**	**72.7**	**15.3**	**3.1**	**4.6**	-
Alabama	-	37.4	47.2	13.1	2.2	0.1	-
Florida	-	45.2	43.5	9.4	1.8	0.1	-
Georgia	-	54.8	20.3	23.2	1.0	0.7	-
Texas	0.7	1.4	52.1	35.9	2.5	7.4	-
Virginia	-	3.8	78.6	12.9	2.3	2.4	-
United States	0.2	32.3	40.6	22.6	1.8	2.5	-

[1] January and February of the following year.





N.C. MILK PRODUCTION DOWN UNITED STATES UP

Milk production in North Carolina totaled 298 million pounds during the January-March 2002 quarter, down slightly from a year earlier. The number of milk cows on Tar Heel farms was estimated at 65,000 head, down 3,000 from a year ago. The average milk per cow, at 4,585 pounds, was up 188 pounds from the January-March 2001 quarter.

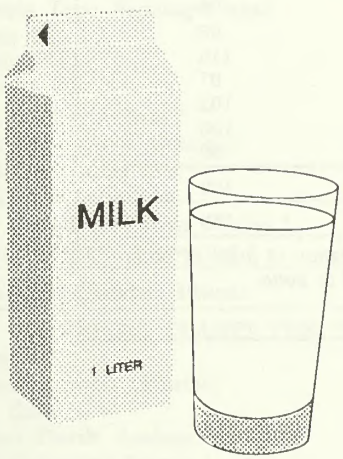
U.S. January-March quarterly production of milk was 42.3 billion pounds, up 2% from the same quarter a year ago. The average number of milk cows in the U.S. during the January-March quarter was 9.11 million, down 38,000 from the same period last year.

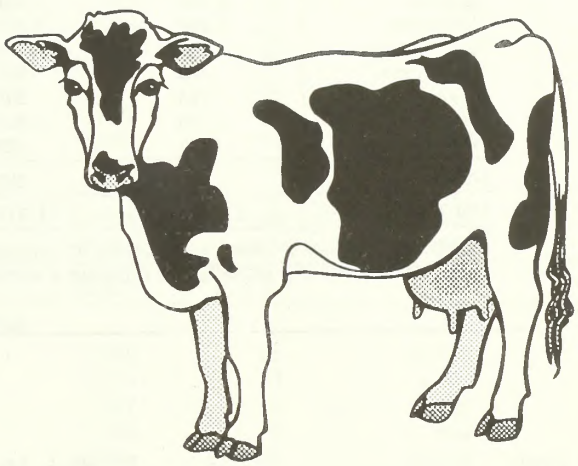
Nationally, milk production in the 20 major states during March 2002 totaled 12.8 billion pounds, up 3% from March of last year. Production per cow averaged 1,650 pounds for March, up 51 pounds from March 2001. The number of milk cows on farms in the 20 major states was 7.75 million head, 2,000 more than March 2001 and 1,000 more than February 2002.

MILK PRODUCTION: JANUARY-MARCH

STATE	Milk Cows [1]		Milk per Cow [2]		Milk Production [3]		
					Pounds		2002 as % of 2001
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	
	Thousands		*Pounds*		*Millions*		*Percent*
N. Carolina	**68**	**65**	**4,397**	**4,585**	**299**	**298**	**100**
Florida	155	152	4,387	4,283	680	651	96
Maryland	82	81	3,988	4,111	327	333	102
S. Carolina	22	20	4,591	5,000	101	100	99
Tennessee	94	90	3,777	3,889	355	350	99
Virginia	118	120	4,085	4,125	482	495	103
UNITED STATES	9,143	9,105	4,514	4,643	41,267	42,271	102

[1] Includes dry cows. Excludes heifers not yet fresh. [2] Milk per cow is derived. [3] Excludes milk sucked by calves.





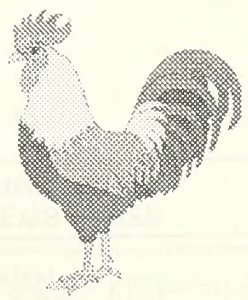
TURKEY EGGS AND POULTS DOWN

Nationally, turkey eggs in incubators on April 1, 2002 totaled 32.8 million, down slightly from a year earlier. Eggs in incubators were up 1% from the March 1 total of 32.6 million. The 25.7 million poults placed during March 2002 in the United States were down 2% from the placements during the same month a year ago. Placements were up 6% from the February 2002 total of 24.3 million. Regional placement percent changes from the previous year were: N & S Atlantic, down 1%; E N Central, down 2%; W N Central, up 1%; S Central, down 5%; and West, down 10%.

TURKEY HATCHERY - APRIL 1

GEOGRAPHIC DIVISION	Eggs in Incubators April 1			Poults Placed During March [1]		
	2001	2002	2002 as % of 2001	2001	2002	2002 as % of 2001
	Thousands		*Percent*	*Thousands*		*Percent*
North & South Atlantic	**9,739**	**9,602**	**99**	**8,195**	**8,086**	**99**
East North Central	5,136	4,834	94	3,736	3,654	98
West North Central	11,197	12,232	109	9,080	9,192	101
South Central	3,283	3,037	93	2,446	2,312	95
West	3,528	3,140	89	2,691	2,416	90
UNITED STATES	32,883	32,845	100	26,148	25,660	98

[1] Regional placements refer to poults placed from hatcheries located in that region, and not the actual location of the birds after placement.



CATTLE ON FEED UP

Nationally, cattle and calves on feed April 1, 2002 in feedlots of 1,000 or more head for slaughter totaled 11.6 million head, up slightly from a year ago and 3% above April 1, 2000. The inventory included 7.2 million steers and steer calves, up 4% from the previous year. This group accounted for 62% of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 4.3 million head, down 4% from 2001

Placements in feedlots during March totaled 1.95 million, up 6% from a year ago, but 4% below 2000. Net placements were 1.88 million. During March, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 314,000, 600-699 pounds were 372,000, 700-799 pounds were 702,000, 800 pounds and over were 565,000 head.

Marketings of fed cattle during March 2002 totaled 1.83 million, down 5% from 2001 and 11% below 2000. Other disappearance totaled 69,000 during March, down 30% from 2001 and 33% below 2000.

CATTLE ON FEED: NUMBER ON FEED, 1,000 + Capacity Feedlots [1]

STATE	APRIL 1, 2001	MARCH 1, 2002	APRIL 1, 2002	
			NUMBER	2002 as % of 2001
	1,000 Head			*Percent*
Arizona	309	310	314	102
California	435	475	485	111
Colorado	1,190	1,150	1,120	94
Idaho	330	315	325	98
Iowa	385	400	395	103
Kansas	2,460	2,420	2,420	98
Nebraska	2,350	2,300	2,300	98
New Mexico	97	109	113	116
Oklahoma	370	345	360	97
S Dakota	215	210	220	102
Texas	2,730	2,850	2,900	106
Washington	257	229	230	89
Other States	395	405	395	100
UNITED STATES	11,523	11,518	11,577	100

[1] Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

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SELECTED FLORICULTURE CROPS: QUANTITY SOLD AND WHOLESALE VALUE, NORTH CAROLINA, 2000 AND 2001

CROP	UNIT	Total Quantity Sold 2000	Total Quantity Sold 2001	Percent Change	Wholesale Value [1] 2000	Wholesale Value [1] 2001
		Thousand		+/-	*Thousand Dollars*	
BEDDING/GARDEN PLANTS						
Impatiens	Flats	555	531	-4	3,519	3,935
Petunias	Flats	379	364	-4	2,399	2,930
Vegetable Type Bedding Plants	Flats	133	158	+19	915	1,193
Begonia [2]	Flats	282	430	+52	1,915	3,625
Marigold [2]	Flats	224	302	+35	1,387	2,334
Pansy/Viola [2]	Flats	1,188	1,587	+34	7,793	12,379
Other Plants in flats [3]	Flats	1,340	1,083	-19	8,760	8,289
Potted Geraniums (Cutting)	Pots	1,789	2,585	+44	4,038	5,496
Potted Geraniums (Seed)	Pots	1,045	1,715	+64	886	1,218
New Guinea Impatiens	Pots	1,167	922	-21	2,147	1,817
Other Potted Flowering Plants [4]	Pots	7,847	12,575	+60	10,823	17,522
Hanging Baskets, Flowering [5]	Baskets	2,561	3,701	+45	12,389	16,954
Total Bedding/Garden Plants		18,510	25,953	+40	56,971	77,692
POTTED FLOWERING PLANTS FOR INDOOR OR PATIO USE						
Poinsettias	Pots	5,227	5,290	+1	14,759	16,247
Chrysanthemums (Florist)	Pots	1,659	1,335	-20	4,994	4,352
Lilies, Easter	Pots	239	247	+3	1,097	1,144
Finished Florist Azaleas	Pots	88	89	+1	864	869
Other Flowering Plants [6]	Pots	5,703	5,944	+4	12,618	13,660
Total Potted Flowering Plants		12,916	12,905	-0.1	34,332	36,272
HERBACEOUS PERENNIALS						
Potted Hardy/Garden Chrysanthemums	Pots	7,153	9,305	+30	9,169	13,186
Other Herbaceous Perennials [7]	Pots	3,536	3,700	+5	11,380	10,531
Total Potted Herbaceous Perennials		10,689	13,005	+22	20,549	23,717
FOLIAGE FOR INDOOR OR PATIO USE						
Potted Foliage		-	-	-	3,254	2,147
Foliage Hanging Baskets	Baskets	994	1,320	+33	5,119	6,521
Total Foliage		-	-	-	8,373	8,668
CUT FLOWERS						
Snapdragons [2]	Spikes	987	1,138	+15	528	519
Other Cut Flowers [8]	Blooms	[9]	[9]	[9]	2,247	2,277
Total Cut Flowers		[9]	[9]	[9]	2,775	2,796
Total Propagative Sales [2]		-	-	-	2,687	2,821
TOTAL VALUE OF REPORTED CROPS For operations with $100,000+ sales		-	-	-	125,687	151,966
TOTAL VALUE OF REPORTED CROPS For operations with $10,000+ sales		-	-	-	136,177	161,416

[1] Equivalent wholesale value of all sales for operations with $100,000+ sales. [2] Series started in 2000. [3] Includes Geraniums, New Guinea Impatients and Other Flowering or Foliar Type Bedding Plants. [4] Includes Impatiens, Petunias, Pansy/Viola, Begonia, Marigold, Vegetable and other potted plants. [5] Includes Geraniums, Impatiens, New Guinea Impatiens, Petunias, Begonia, Marigold Pansy/Viola and other flowering hanging baskets. [6] Includes African Violets, Florist Roses, Orchids, spring flowering bulbs and other flowering potted plants. [7] Includes Ferns (hardy/garden), Hosta, Iris, Peony, and other Herbaceous Perennials. [8] Includes Chrysanthemums, Lilies, Orchids, Roses and other cut flowers. [9] Not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

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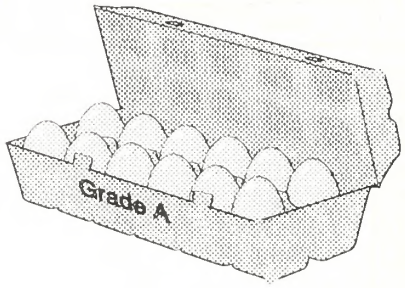
EGG PRODUCTION UP

North Carolina laying flocks produced 216 million eggs during March 2002, up 1% from the previous year. Production consisted of 78 million table eggs and 138 million hatching eggs. Table eggs decreased 4%, while hatching eggs increased 4% from a year ago. The average number of layers on hand during March was 11.3 million, up 1% from a year earlier. This number consisted of 3.3 million for table eggs and 8.0 million for broiler-type and egg-type hatching eggs.

U.S. egg production totaled 7.41 billion during March 2002, up 1% from a year ago. Production included 6.31 billion table eggs and 1.10 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.04 billion were broiler-type and 64 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during March 2002 averaged 337 million, up slightly from a year earlier. March egg production per 100 layers was 2,197 eggs, up 1% from 2,178 eggs in March 2001.

All layers in the U.S. on April 1, 2002, totaled 338 million, up slightly from a year ago. The 338 million layers consisted of 278 million layers producing table or commercial type eggs, 58.0 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.60 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Daily rate of lay on April 1, 2002, averaged 71.0 eggs per 100 layers, unchanged from a year ago.



EGG PRODUCTION - MARCH

STATE	LAYERS ON HAND		TOTAL EGGS PRODUCED		TABLE EGGS		HATCHING EGGS	
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002
	Thousands				*Million Eggs*			
North Carolina	**11,213**	**11,330**	**214**	**216**	**81**	**78**	**133**	**138**
Alabama	10,364	10,410	202	199	64	57	138	142
Florida	10,934	10,507	235	230	222	217	13	13
Georgia	21,385	20,420	450	433	269	255	181	178
South Carolina	5,442	5,411	115	118	95	99	20	19
UNITED STATES	336,820	337,338	7,336	7,412	6,224	6,308	1,112	1,104

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER - MARCH

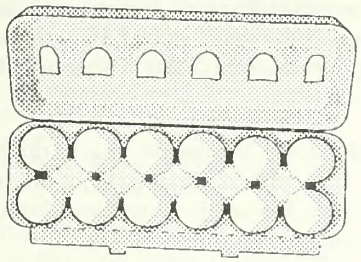
SPECIES	NORTH CAROLINA				UNITED STATES					
	Number Slaughtered [1]		Total Live Weight		Number Slaughtered [1]		Total Live Weight		Total Dressed Weight [2]	
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002
	Thous. Head		*Thous. Pounds*		*Million Head*		*Million Pounds*		*Million Pounds*	
Cattle	15.5	15.3	16,053	16,040	2.9	2.7	3,498	3,397	2,096	2,059
Calves	0.2	0.1	67	44	0.1	0.1	27	25	17	15
Sheep & Lambs	0.1	0.1	6.0	5.0	0.3	0.3	47	45	23	22
Hogs	841.7	822.7	211,860	211,764	8.3	8.0	2,198	2,132	1,626	1,581
TOTAL	857.5	838.2	227,986	227,853	11.6	11.1	5,770	5,599	3,762	3,677

[1] Includes slaughter under Federal inspection and other commercial slaughter, excludes farm slaughter. [2] Totals may not equal sum due to rounding.

POULTRY VALUE OF PRODUCTION UP

The combined North Carolina value of production from broilers, eggs, turkeys, and the sales from other chickens in 2001 was $2.4 billion, up 14% from 2000. Of the combined total, 71% was from broilers, 19% from turkeys, 10% from eggs, and less than 1% from other chickens. In addition, another $86 million came from other poultry items, which pushes the grand total to $2.5 billion.

The combined United States value of production from broilers, eggs, turkeys, and the value of sales from other chickens in 2001 was $24.0 billion, up 13% from the $21.2 billion in 2000. Of the combined total, 70% was from broilers, 18% from eggs, 11% from turkeys, and less than 1% from other chickens.



EGGS: Production, Price and Value, North Carolina, 1997-2001 [1]

YEAR	Average Number Layers During Year	Average Eggs Laid Annually Per Layer On Farm	Eggs Produced	Average Price Per Dozen[2]	Value of Production
	Thousands	*Number*	*Million*	*Cents*	*Thousand Dollars*
1997	12,240	228	2,794	87.5	203,729
1998	11,280	227	2,555	109.0	232,079
1999	11,316	229	2,587	107.0	230,674
2000	11,243	222	2,501	107.0	223,006
2001	11,139	228	2,535	110.0	232,375

[1] Estimates cover the 12 month period Dec. 1, previous year through Nov. 30. [2] Average of all eggs sold by producers, including hatching eggs.

COMMERCIAL BROILERS: Production, Price and Value, North Carolina, 1997-2001 [1]

YEAR	Number Produced	Pounds Produced	Price Per Pound[2]	Value of Production
	Thousands		*Cents*	*Thousand Dollars*
1997	665,000	3,657,500	37.5	1,371,563
1998	653,000	3,591,500	39.5	1,418,643
1999	674,600	3,865,500	37.0	1,430,235
2000	698,400	4,050,700	35.0	1,417,745
2001	712,300	4,202,600	40.0	1,681,040

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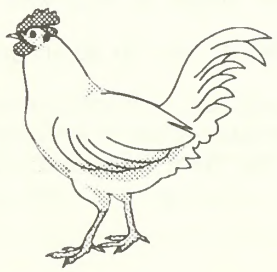

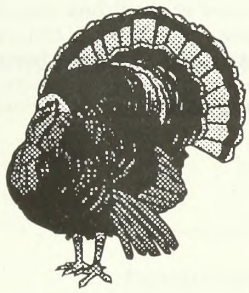

TURKEYS: Production, Price and Value, North Carolina, 1997-2001 [1]

YEAR	Number Raised	Pounds Produced	Price Per Pound[2]	Value of Production
	Thousands		*Cents*	*Thousand Dollars*
1997	53,500	1,353,550	39.0	527,885
1998	50,000	1,270,000	37.0	469,900
1999	44,000	1,069,200	42.0	449,064
2000	41,000	1,033,200	42.0	433,944
2001	43,000	1,130,900	40.0	452,360

[1] Based on turkeys placed Sept. 1 - Aug. 31. Excludes young turkeys lost. [2] Live weight equivalent price.

CHICKENS: Sold, Price and Value, North Carolina, 1997-2001 [1]

YEAR	Number Sold	Pounds Sold	Price Per Pound	Value of Sales
	Thousands		*Cents*	*Thousand Dollars*
1997	10,000	69,000	11.0	7,590
1998	9,825	68,775	7.0	4,814
1999	9,956	71,683	8.0	5,735
2000	12,750	95,625	6.3	6,024
2001	11,212	86,332	8.0	6,907

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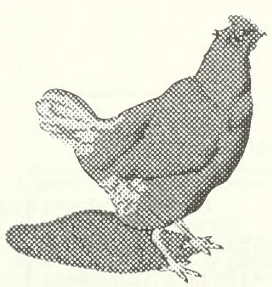

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SELECTED FLORICULTURE CROPS VALUE UP

The total 2001 wholesale value of all floriculture crops for North Carolina producers with $10,000 or more in sales is estimated at $161.4 million. North Carolina sales rank 8th in the nation behind California, Florida, Texas, Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania and New York. A total of 335 growers reported 17.9 million square feet of covered area and 417 acres of outdoor production. Only growers with sales of $100,000 or more were surveyed for selected floriculture crops. The wholesale value of the selected floriculture crops surveyed with $100,000 or more sales totaled $152 million in 2001, up 21% from 2000. The text below and table on the face page are based upon 134 growers with $100,000 or more in sales.

BEDDING/GARDEN PLANTS accounted for $77.7 million of the overall sales compared with the 2000 value of $57 million. Flats of bedding plants totaled $34.7 million, up 30% from 2000. Potted bedding plant sales increased 46% in 2001, totaling $26.1 million. Flowering hanging baskets sales were up 37%, at $17 million.

POTTED FLOWERING PLANTS accounted for $36.3 million of the total wholesale value, up 6% from the 2000 value. Poinsettias led this category with $16.2 million generated from 5.3 million pots of all sizes. Potted chrysanthemums were down 13% in 2001 with an equivalent wholesale value of $4.4 million from 1.3 million pots. Potted florist azaleas and Easter lilies generated $2.0 million in sales.

HERBACEOUS PERENNIAL PLANTS accounted for $23.7 million of the total wholesale value, up 15% from the 2000 value. Potted hardy/garden chrysanthemums led this category with $13.2 million generated from 9.3 million pots of all sizes. Other herbaceous plants sales were down 7%, at $10.5 million.

FOLIAGE HANGING BASKETS AND POTTED FOLIAGE had an equivalent wholesale value of $8.7 million in 2001. The value of foliage hanging baskets increased 27% to $6.5 million. The wholesale value of sales for potted foliage in 2001 was $2.1 million, compared to last year's $3.3 million.

CUT FLOWER sales, at $2.80 million, are virtually unchanged from 2000 sales of $2.78 million.

The wholesale value of 2001 floriculture crops in the **United States** was up 4% from the revised 2000 valuation. The total value of all crops at wholesale for all growers with $10,000 or more in sales is estimated at $4.74 billion for 2001, compared with $4.58 billion for 2000. Growers with sales exceeding $100,000, which comprised 43% of all growers, accounted for 94% of the total value, at $4.44 billion.

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NORTH CAROLINA PRICES RECEIVED INDEX

The April 2002 "All Farm Products" index of prices received by North Carolina farmers, at 235% of its 1967 base, was down 8 points from the previous month. Most commodities contributed to the decrease. The index was 18 points below a year ago.

The April 2002 "All Crops" index, at 251, was down 1 point from the previous month and 5 points below a year earlier. The "Livestock and Livestock Products" index for April 2002, at 208, was down 18 points from the previous month and 39 points below the previous year.

The meat animals index for April 2002, at 241, was unchanged from the previous month, but was 54 points below a year ago. The poultry index, at 186, was down 33 points from both a month earlier and the previous year. The dairy index, at 222, was down 1 point from a month earlier and 36 points below a year ago.

FARM PRICES INDEX NUMBERS

INDEX (1967 = 100)	April 15 2000 [1]	April 15 2001 [1]	March 15 2002 [1]	April 15 2002
NORTH CAROLINA				
Prices Received: All Farm Products	255	253	243	235
All Crops	266	256	252	251
Tobacco	289	282	283	283
Oil Bearing	220	199	163	160
Grains	188	169	175	167
Commercial Vegetables	205	200	197	197
Fruits	305	318	318	318
Livestock and Livestock Products	235	247	226	208
Meat Animals	298	295	241	241
Poultry	206	219	219	186
Dairy	225	258	223	222
UNITED STATES				
Prices Received, All Farm Products	255	269	268	241
Prices Paid, Commodities & Services [2]	467	485	[4]	483
Parity Ratio [3]	55	55	[4]	50

[1] Revised. [2] Including Interest, Taxes and Farm Wage Rates. [3] Ratio of Index of Prices Received by Farmers to Index of Prices Paid. [4] Available quarterly following February 1986 Survey.

PRICES RECEIVED FOR SELECTED COMMODITIES

The average price received for corn by North Carolina farmers in April 2002 was $2.30 per bushel, down 11 cents from the previous month and 2 cents below a year ago. The April soybean price, at $4.45 per bushel, was down 11 cents from the previous month, but was 11 cents above a year earlier.

Prices received for all hogs in April, at $29.20 per hundredweight, were down $6.90 from March and were $19.00 below a year ago. The price for table eggs decreased 29 cents in April to 26 cents per dozen. Weaker demand following Easter caused egg prices to decline sharply. The April price was 22.2 cents below a year earlier.

PRICES RECEIVED

COMMODITY	UNIT	NORTH CAROLINA			UNITED STATES		
		April 2001	March 2002	April 2002	April 2001	March 2002	April 2002
		Entire Month	*Entire Month*	*Mid Month*	*Entire Month*	*Entire Month*	*Mid Month*
				Dollars			
Tobacco, All [1]	Lb.	-	-	-	1.420	1.645	-
Corn	Bu.	2.32	2.41	2.30	1.89	1.94	1.86
Cotton	Lb.	.420	-	-	.426	.299	.303
Soybeans	Bu.	4.34	4.56	4.45	4.22	4.38	4.38
Hogs, All	Cwt.	48.20	36.10	29.20	47.80	36.00	30.50
Com'l Broilers [2]	Lb.	-	-	-	.390	.320	.300
Turkeys [2 3]	Lb.	.380	-	-	.376	.329	.326
Eggs [3 4]	Doz.	.482	.550	.260	.484	.515	.321
Milk, All [2]	Cwt.	-	-	-	14.60	12.70	12.50
Potatoes	Cwt.	-	-	-	5.47	8.50	8.61
Apples, Com'l. [1]	Lb.	-	-	-	.157	.210	.215
Hay, All [3]	Ton	-	-	-	99.00	91.40	99.90

[1] Entire month. [2] North Carolina monthly estimates discontinued. [3] Mid month. [4] Market (Table) eggs including eggs sold retail by producers.

ANNUAL SUMMARY: Crop, Vegetable, and F

CROPS	PLANTED ACREAGE			HARVESTED ACREAGE			UNIT	Y
	1999	2000	2001	1999	2000	2001		199
NORTH CAROLINA		*Thousands*			*Thousand*			
FIELD CROPS								
Barley	24	30	28	19	18	18	Bu.	
Corn for Grain [3]	750	730	700	640	640	625	Bu.	
Corn for Silage [4]	-	-	-	85	85	72	Ton	
Cotton, Upland [5]	880	930	970	825	925	965	Lb.	4
Cottonseed	-	-	-	-	-	-	Ton	
Hay: Alfalfa [7]	-	-	-	20	20	20	Ton	3
Other	-	-	-	690	690	690	Ton	2
All	-	-	-	710	710	710	Ton	2
Irish Potatoes	18.0	17.5	19.5	17.5	17.0	18.5	Cwt.	1
Oats	60	60	60	30	30	30	Bu.	
Peanuts	126.0	123.0	123.0	124.0	123.0	122.5 [6]	Lb.	2,4
Sorghum for Grain [3]	19	18	15	12	12	11	Bu.	
Sorghum for Silage [4]	-	-	-	4	5	3	Ton	
Soybeans for Beans	1,400	1,400	1,380	1,300	1,360	1,350	Bu.	2
Sweetpotatoes	37.0	38.0	37.0	29.0	37.0	36.0	Cwt.	1
Tobacco:								
Flue-cured	-	-	-	200.0	163.0	155.0	Lb.	2,1
Type 11	-	-	-	55.0	40.0	42.0	Lb.	2,4
Type 12	-	-	-	119.0	102.0	93.0	Lb.	2,1
Type 13	-	-	-	26.0	21.0	20.0	Lb.	2,1
Burley	-	-	-	7.8	7.4	6.7 [6]	Lb.	1,0
All	-	-	-	207.8	170.4	161.7 [6]	Lb.	2,1
Wheat	650	720	680	580	550	470	Bu.	
FRUITS AND NUTS					*Actual Acres*			
Apples, Commercial [8]	-	-	-	9,000	9,000	8,000	Lb.	21,
Blueberries [8]	-	-	-	3,200	3,600	2,900	Lb.	4,0
Grapes [8]	-	-	-	500	600	700	Ton	3
Peaches [8]	-	-	-	1,550	1,500	1,500	Lb.	18,
Pecans, Improved	-	-	-	-	-	-	Lb.	
Seedlings	-	-	-	-	-	-	Lb.	
All	-	-	-	-	-	-	Lb.	
VEGETABLES		*Actual Acres*			*Actual Acres*			
FRESH MARKET								
Bell Peppers	6,600	7,100	7,000	6,200	6,900	6,300	Cwt.	
Cabbage, All [9]	9,400	9,300	9,400	7,600	9,000	9,100	Cwt.	
Chile Peppers [10]	-	700	650	-	700	650	Cwt.	
Collard Greens [10]	-	2,700	2,800	-	2,600	2,700	Cwt.	
Cucumbers	6,400	6,900	7,300	6,100	6,800	6,900	Cwt.	
Eggplants [10]	-	300	310	-	300	310	Cwt.	
Lima Beans [10]	-	1,100	1,200	-	1,000	1,100	Cwt.	
Mustard Greens [10]	-	1,500	1,400	-	1,400	1,300	Cwt.	
Snap Beans, All	7,500	8,000	8,100	6,800	7,900	7,600	Cwt.	
Squash [10]	-	4,200	4,300	-	4,000	4,100	Cwt.	
Strawberries, All	1,700	1,800	1,800	1,600	1,700	1,700	Cwt.	
Sweet Corn	8,200	8,400	8,700	7,000	8,100	8,200	Cwt.	
Tomatoes	2,400	2,600	2,700	2,300	2,400	2,600	Cwt.	
Turnip Greens [10]	-	2,100	2,200	-	2,000	2,100	Cwt.	
Watermelons	10,400	10,900	10,600	8,900	10,000	9,500	Cwt.	
PROCESSING								
Cucumbers	17,200	18,200	18,200	16,200	18,000	17,600	Ton	4
UNITED STATES		*Thousand*			*Thousand*			
Barley	5,194	5,864	4,967	4,734	5,213	4,289	Bu.	5
Corn for Grain [3]	77,386	79,551	75,752	70,487	72,440	68,808	Bu.	1
Cotton, All [5]	14,873.5	15,517.2	15,768.5 [6]	13,424.9	13,053.0	13,827.7 [6]	Lb.	
Hay, All	-	-	-	63,220	59,854	63,511	Ton	2
Oats	4,673	4,477	4,403	2,453	2,329	1,905	Bu.	5
Peanuts	1,534.5	1,536.8	1,541.2 [6]	1,436.0	1,336.0	1,411.9 [6]	Lb.	2,
Sorghum, Grain [3]	9,288	9,195	10,252	8,544	7,726	8,584	Bu.	6
Soybeans for Beans	73,730	74,266	74,105	72,446	72,408	73,000	Bu.	8
Sweetpotatoes	93.8	98.0	97.9	83.1	94.9	93.5	Cwt.	
Tobacco:								
Flue-cured	-	-	-	303.8	250.0	238.1 [6]	Lb.	2,
Burley	-	-	-	303.6	185.4	164.3 [6]	Lb.	1,
All	-	-	-	647.2	472.4	432.4 [6]	Lb.	1,
Wheat, All	62,714	62,629	59,617	53,823	53,133	48,653	Bu.	4

[1] Received by Farmers. [2] Values are for the crop year and should not be confused with calendar year income. [3] Planted for all purposes. [4] Green-weight. [5] Pro... 2000.

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	PRODUCTION			PRICE PER UNIT [1]			VALUE OF PRODUCTION [2]		
	1999	2000	2001	1999	2000	2001	1999	2000	2001
	Thousands			*Dollars*			*Thousand Dollars*		
7	1,520	1,440	1,206	1.68	1.55	1.55	2,554	2,232	1,869
5	51,200	74,240	78,125	2.27	2.01	2.30	116,224	149,222	179,688
9	1,020	1,275	1,368	-	-	-	-	-	-
2 [6]	816	1,429	1,673 [6]	0.475	0.530	0.305	186,048	363,538	244,927 [6]
-	278	508	559	96.00	89.50	79 00	26,688	45,466	44,161
0	60	54	60	120.00	110.00	120.00	7,200	5,940	7,200
0	1,484	1,794	1,518	75.00	70.00	75.00	111,300	125,580	113,850
2	1,544	1,848	1,578	77.00	71.00	77.00	118,500	131,520	121,050
0	3,410	3,400	3,515	6.20	6.50	6.00	21,175	22,100	21,090
5	2,040	2,100	1,680	1.55	1.45	1.50	3,162	3,045	2,520
0	298,840	338,250	356,475 [6]	0.276	0.273	0.248 [6]	82,480	92,342	88,406 [6]
0	552	600	770	1.70	2.00	1.90	938	1,200	1,463
0	36	55	30	-	-	-	-	-	-
0	29,900	44,200	43,200	4.61	4.51	4.20	137,839	199,342	181,440
5	3,770	5,550	5,580	12.00	12.30	12.20	45,240	68,265	68,076
7	436,500	394,660	376,200	1.749	1.798	1.856	763,557	709,775	698,114
0	132,000	100,000	105,000	1.760	1.817	1.856	232,320	181,700	194,880
0	249,900	245,310	223,200	1.750	1.795	1.857	437,325	440,331	414,482
0	54,600	49,350	48,000	1.720	1.778	1.849	93,912	87,744	88,752
0 [6]	12,480	11,840	10,720 [6]	1.909	1.968	1.950	23,824	23,301	20,904
3 [6]	448,980	406,500	386,920 [6]	1.754	1.803	1.858	787,381	733,076	719,018 [6]
9	28,420	27,500	18,330	2.33	2.35	2.55	66,219	64,625	46,742
0	170,000	145,000	105,000	0.151	0.126	0.123	25,730	18,225	12,896
0	13,000	17,500	13,500	1.030	1.040	1.400	13,430	18,130	18,900
5	1.9	2.3	2.0	1,150.00	1,160.00	1,270.00	2,183	2,661	2,532
0	28,000	32,000	12,000	0.36	0.37	0.40	10,080	11,840	4,800
-	800	1,400	2,700	1.10	1.15	0.90	880	1,610	2,430
-	400	200	500	0.75	0.80	0.50	300	160	250
-	1,200	1,600	3,200	0.983	1.110	0.838	1,180	1,770	2,680
5	713	828	788	20.50	21.00	20.50	14,617	17,388	16,154
0	1,292	1,620	1,911	8.50	9.00	8.80	10,982	14,580	16,817
0	-	70	72	-	19.00	25.00	-	1,330	1,800
0	-	286	243	-	30.00	26.00	-	8,580	6,318
0	641	850	828	11.00	14.00	13.00	7,051	11,900	10,764
0	-	45	37	-	20.00	21.00	-	900	777
0	-	50	33	-	35.00	45.00	-	1,750	1,485
0	-	105	91	-	29.00	27.00	-	3,045	2,457
0	313	474	342	28.00	29.00	26.00	8,764	13,746	8,892
0	-	400	390	-	23.00	25.00	-	9,200	9,750
0	176	231	196	80.00	75.00	85.00	14,080	17,325	16,660
0	560	810	861	14.10	15.00	14.80	7,896	12,150	12,743
0	713	696	832	29.00	30.00	28.00	20,677	20,880	23,296
0	-	160	147	-	28.00	26.00	-	4,480	3,822
0	1,291	1,600	1,473	5.20	6.00	5.70	6,713	9,600	8,396
0	78	90	86	265.00	270.00	280.00	20,649	24,300	24,147
	Thousands			*Dollars*			*Thousand Dollars*		
0	280,292	318,728	249,590	2.13	2.11	2.25	597,038	649,130	535,472
0	9,430,612	9,915,051	9,506,840	1.82	1.85	2.00	17,103,991	18,499,002	19,209,312
0 [6]	16,968.0	17,188.3	20,302.8 [6]	0.468	0.516	0.351	3,809,560	4,260,417	3,420,616 [6]
0	159,707	151,921	156,703	76.90	85.00	97.30	11,014,373	11,416,651	12,611,560
0	146,193	149,545	116,856	1.12	1.10	1.50	175,172	175,797	175,923
0 [6]	3,829,490	3,265,505	4,276,704 [6]	0.254	0.274	0.234	971,608	896,097	1,001,457 [6]
0	595,166	470,526	514,524	1.57	1.89	1.95	937,406	847,075	997,864
0	2,653,758	2,757,810	2,890,572	4.63	4.54	4.30	12,205,352	12,466,572	12,439,597
0	12,234	13,794	14,355	17.60	15.30	16.30	214,980	210,869	233,346
0 [6]	656,752	598,915	579,091 [6]	1.737	1.793	1.857	1,140,936	1,073,952	1,075,510
0 [6]	555,185	362,788	334,066 [6]	1.899	1.963	1.973	1,054,237	712,035	659,122
0 [6]	1,292,692	1,052,998	991,519 [6]	1.828	1.910 [6]	1.920 [6]	2,356,304	2,001,775 [6]	1,899,287 [6]
0	2,299,010	2,232,460	1,957,643	2.48	2.62	2.80	5,593,989	5,782,107	5,553,815

eight bales. [5] Revised. [7] Includes alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures. [8] Ulitized production. [9] Includes small quantities for processing. [10] Fresh Market Vegetables started in

N.C. WHEAT PRODUCTION UP U.S. DOWN

Based on May 1 conditions, North Carolina farmers project a 2002 wheat harvest of 470,000 acres with a yield of 47 bushels per acre for a total production of 22,090,000 bushels. These projections reflect no change in harvested acreage from the previous year. Yield is anticipated to increase by 8 bushels per acre from last year's cold damaged crop, causing expected production to rise by 21%. Production prospects look good to the northeast of Wilson county, but seem lower in regions that have experienced dry conditions during critical growing phases.

Winter Wheat production at the national level is forecast at 1.30 billion bushels, down 4% from 2001 to the lowest level since 1978. Based on May 1 conditions, the U.S. yield is forecast at 43.1 bushels per acre, 0.4 bushels less than last year. Grain area totals 30.2 million acres, down 4% from last season. This is the lowest harvested acreage since 1917.

IRISH POTATO PRODUCTION DOWN

Irish potato production in North Carolina for 2002 is estimated at 3,413,000 cwt., down 3% from the 2001 production of 3,515,000 cwt. Growers expect to harvest 17,500 acres, down 1,000 from last year's acreage. Yield is forecast at 195 cwt. per acre, up 5 cwt. from the 2001 yield. The heavy rain at the end of March delayed growth, thus harvest is expected to be delayed several days.

U.S. production of spring potatoes for 2002 is forecast at 21.8 million cwt., down less than 1% from last year. The average yield is forecast at 280 cwt. per acre, down 6 cwt. from last year. The average yield is 2 cwt. below the April 1 forecast. Area for harvest is estimated at 77,700 acres, up 2% from a year ago.

FEED PRICES PAID BY FARMERS

TYPE OF FEED	REGIONS, APRIL 2002			UNITED STATES		
	Appalachian [1]	Northeast [1]	Corn Belt [1]	Apr. 2000	Apr. 2001	Apr. 2002
	Dollars - Per Ton					
Hog Feed						
14-18% Protein	244.00	247.00	211.00	203.00	215.00	216.00
38-42% Protein Conc	336.00	335.00	299.00	297.00	302.00	307.00
Mixed Dairy Feed						
16% Protein	178.00	178.00	185.00	175.00	184.00	190.00
18% Protein	188.00	192.00	212.00	179.00	185.00	194.00
20% Protein	183.00	192.00	227.00	183.00	184.00	191.00
32-38% Protein Conc	297.00	275.00	306.00	287.00	291.00	298.00
Beef Cattle Feed						
32-36% Protein Conc	301.00	308.00	312.00	261.00	279.00	277.00
Poultry Feeds						
Broiler Grower	300.00	258.00	264.00	226.00	232.00	259.00
Chick Starter	342.00	271.00	272.00	249.00	239.00	240.00
Laying Feed	252.00	215.00	238.00	206.00	212.00	225.00
Turkey Grower	328.00	248.00	279.00	255.00	259.00	264.00
	Dollars - Per Cwt.					
Grain By-Products						
Alfalfa Meal	17.10	16.40	13.80	12.50	13.40	14.40
Alfalfa Pellets	16.90	17.30	14.00	12.40	13.40	14.40
Bran	15.00	12.50	12.30	13.20	13.40	13.60
Corn Meal	8.90	9.08	7.50	7.67	7.59	8.06
High Protein Feeds						
Cottonseed Meal 41%	15.00	15.00	15.40	14.90	15.70	15.80
Soybean Meal 44%	15.70	14.10	12.10	13.00	13.40	13.50
Molasses, Liquid	14.00	12.20	16.10	12.00	12.40	12.90
	Dollars - Per 50 Lb.					
Stock Salt	5.04	5.32	4.11	4.01	4.05	4.12
Trace Mineral Blocks	5.59	6.54	5.44	5.02	5.14	5.24

[1] *Appalachian: KY, NC, TN, VA, WV; Northeast: CT, DE, ME, MD, MA, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT; Corn Belt: IL, IN, IA, MO, OH.*

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HIRED WORKERS UP

During the survey week of April 7-13, 2002, farms in the Appalachian I Region (North Carolina and Virginia) hired 36,000 workers. This is up from 28,000 hired in April of 2001 and also seasonally up from the 29,000 estimated working in January 2002. The average wage rate for the Appalachian I region was $8.45, up $0.75 from April 2001.

There were 890,000 workers hired on the Nation's farms and ranches during the week of April 7-13, 2002. This compares with 804,000 workers hired during the April 2001 survey week. Agricultural service employees on farms and ranches made up the remaining 189,000 workers in April 2002. Nationally, farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of $8.83 per hour during the April 2002 survey week, up $0.52 from April 2001.

WAGE RATES FOR HIRED WORKERS [1], April 7-13, 2002 WITH COMPARISONS [2]

Region [3]	Type of Work						Number of Hired Workers	
	Field		Livestock		All Hired [4]			
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002
	Dollars Per Hour						(000)	
Appalachian I	7.32	7.42	7.39	8.60	7.70	8.45	28	36
Appalachian II	6.85	6.89	7.36	7.87	7.31	7.63	27	23
Southeast	7.01	7.28	7.53	8.29	7.61	7.94	37	44
U.S.[5]	7.61	8.06	8.01	8.43	8.31	8.83	804	890

[1] Excludes agricultural service workers. [2] Survey period in 2001 was April 8-14. [3] Appalachian I: NC, VA; Appalachian II: KY, TN, WV; Southeast: AL, GA, SC. [4] All hired workers includes supervisory and other workers. Piece rates not included. [5] Excludes Alaska.

APRIL EGG PRODUCTION

North Carolina laying flocks produced 210 million eggs during April 2002, up slightly from the previous year. Production consisted of 73 million table eggs and 137 million hatching eggs. Table eggs decreased 6%, while hatching eggs increased 5% from a year ago. The average number of layers on hand during April was 11.3 million, down slightly from a year earlier. This number consisted of 3.1 million for table eggs and 8.2 million for broiler-type and egg-type hatching eggs.

U.S. egg production totaled 7.08 billion during April 2002, down slightly from a year ago. Production included 5.99 billion table eggs and 1.09 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.03 billion were broiler-type and 62 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during April 2002 averaged 336 million, slightly lower than a year earlier. April egg production per 100 layers was 2,109 eggs, slightly higher than the 2,106 eggs in April 2001.

All layers in the U.S. on May 1, 2002 totaled 335 million, down 1% from a year ago. The 335 million layers consisted of 274 million layers producing table or commercial type eggs, 58.2 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.71 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Daily rate of lay on May 1, 2002 averaged 69.4 eggs per 100 layers, slightly higher than a year ago.

CHICKEN EGGS IN INCUBATORS - MAY 1

GEOGRAPHIC DIVISION	BROILER-TYPE			EGG-TYPE		
	2001	2002	2002 as % of 2001	2001	2002	2002 as % of 2001
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
South Atlantic	**241,204**	**241,598**	**100**	**3,543**	**4,949**	**140**
North Atlantic	12,010	12,382	103	6,002	5,005	83
East North Central	7,545	7,939	105	9,342	7,407	79
West North Central	22,970	22,168	97	6,988	7,644	109
South Central	336,774	340,212	101	5,472	5,366	98
West	24,151	25,227	104	5,207	5,581	107
UNITED STATES	644,654	649,526	101	36,554	35,952	98

EGG PRODUCTION - APRIL

STATE	LAYERS ON HAND		TOTAL EGGS PRODUCED		TABLE EGGS		HATCHING EGGS	
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002
	Thousands		Million Eggs					
North Carolina	**11,333**	**11,320**	**209**	**210**	**78**	**73**	**131**	**137**
Alabama	10,344	10,232	196	190	62	52	134	138
Florida	10,795	10,551	222	221	208	209	14	12
Georgia	21,503	20,438	433	415	257	240	176	175
South Carolina	5,450	5,333	111	113	93	94	18	19
UNITED STATES	337,139	335,795	7,099	7,081	6,016	5,993	1,083	1,088

TURKEY EGGS DOWN, PLACEMENTS UP

Nationally, turkey eggs in incubators on May 1, 2002 totaled 32.2 million, down 1% from a year earlier. Eggs in incubators were down 2% from the April 1 total of 32.7 million. The 26 million poults placed during April 2002 in the United States were up 1% from the placements during the same month a year ago. Placements were up 1% from the March 2002 total of 25.7 million. Regional placement percent changes from the previous year were: N & S Atlantic, down 3%; E N Central, up 5%; W N Central, up 9%; S Central, down 8%; and West, down 14%.

TURKEY HATCHERY - MAY 1

GEOGRAPHIC DIVISION	Eggs in Incubators May 1			Poults Placed During April [1]		
	2001	2002	2002 as % of 2001	2001	2002	2002 as % of 2001
	Thousands		*Percent*	*Thousands*		*Percent*
North & South Atlantic	9,826	8,975	91	8,041	7,833	97
East North Central	4,998	5,248	105	3,736	3,907	105
West North Central	11,608	12,138	105	8,759	9,525	109
South Central	3,119	3,053	98	2,665	2,448	92
West	3,121	2,797	90	2,657	2,297	86
UNITED STATES	32,672	32,211	99	25,858	26,010	101

[1] Regional placements refer to poults placed from hatcheries located in that region and not the actual location of the birds after placement.

BROILER HATCH UP

North Carolina commercial hatcheries produced 68.4 million broiler-type chicks during April 2002, up 3% from the 66.4 million a year ago.

Nationally, the April 2002 hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 765 million, was up 1% from the previous year. There were 650 million broiler-type eggs in incubators on May 1, 2002, up 1% from a year earlier. Leading breeders placed 6.8 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during April 2002, up 7% from April 2001.

U.S. INTENDED PLACEMENTS: EGG-TYPE PULLET CHICKS FOR HATCHERY SUPPLY FLOCKS 2000-2002[1]

MONTH	PULLET CHICKS HATCHED			2002 as % of 2001	CUM. PLAC. RELATIVE TO CUR. SUPPLY FLOCKS 7-18 Months Earlier [2]		
	2000	2001	2002		2000	2001	2002
	Thousands			*Percent*	*Thousands*		
January	212	236	228	97	3,012	3,129	3,15
February	251	214	247	115	2,945	3,191	3,20
March	286	284	237	83	3,078	3,090	3,23
April	309	311	295	95	2,981	3,096	3,22
May	343	315			2,903	3,057	3,13
June	235	261			2,948	3,103	3,08
July	293	340			2,940	3,173	3,04
August	217	251			2,986	3,197	3,04
September	233	219			2,970	3,160	3,07
October	241	150			2,999	3,158	3,02
November	308	261			3,021	3,160	3,01
December	245	206			3,081	3,132	
TOTAL	3,173	3,048					

[1] Reported by leading breeders. Coverage may not be 100 percent. Includes pected pullet chicks from eggs sold during the preceding month at the rate of 1 pullet chicks per 30 dozen case of eggs. [2] For April 2002, includes breeder pu chicks hatched October 2000 through September 2001. The 7-18 months rep sent the first laying cycle. Molting and additional laying cycles will increase cumulative potential placements.

CHICKS HATCHED - APRIL

STATE	BROILER-TYPE		
	2001	2002	2002 as % of 2001
	Thousands		*Percent*
North Carolina	66,411	68,429	103
Alabama	102,831	104,467	102
Arkansas	106,071	107,781	102
Delaware	12,711	12,435	98
Florida	9,204	8,267	90
Georgia	111,382	111,894	100
Kentucky	20,666	23,241	112
Maryland	34,096	33,804	99
Mississippi	67,298	68,376	102
Oklahoma	22,112	22,555	102
Pennsylvania	12,893	13,071	101
South Carolina	16,959	16,385	97
Texas	53,153	55,595	105
Virginia	24,565	23,607	96
California, Louisiana, Missouri, Tennessee & West Virginia	72,877	72,673	100
19 STATES [1]	733,229	742,580	101
Other States [2]	22,226	22,402	101
UNITED STATES	755,455	764,982	101

[1] States in the weekly hatchery production estimating program are those listed above. [2] Not published separately to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED DOWN

Nationally, egg-type chicks hatched during April 2002 totaled 38 milli down 11% from April 2001. Eggs in incubators totaled 36 million on May 2002, down 2% from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery sup flocks by leading breeders totaled 295,000 during April 2002, down 5% fr April 2001.

CHICKS HATCHED - APRIL

STATE	EGG-TYPE		
	2001	2002	2002 as % of 2001
	Thousands		*Percent*
Arkansas	817	738	90
Florida	831	543	65
Georgia	2,213	2,149	97
Indiana	7,041	5,479	78
Iowa	5,890	5,784	98
Minnesota	1,519	1,317	87
Pennsylvania	5,349	4,402	82
Other States [1]	19,108	17,800	93
UNITED STATES	42,768	38,212	89

[1] Not published separately to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

RED MEAT PRODUCTION UP

Commercial red meat production in **North Carolina** during April 2002 totaled 181 million pounds dress weight, up 15% from a year lier. Commercial slaughter of livestock in North Carolina during April 2002 totaled 246 million pounds live weight, up 15% from a year lier. Cattle slaughter totaled 17 million pounds, up 19%. Hog slaughter, at 229 million pounds, was up 14% from a year earlier. Calf ughter, at 47,000 pounds, was down 23% from a year earlier. The average live weight per head was: cattle 1,066 pounds; hogs 258 pounds; calves 385 pounds.

Nationally, commercial red meat production during April 2002 totaled 3.90 billion pounds dress weight, up 11% from the 3.51 billion nds produced in April 2001 and a new record high for April. Commercial red meat production includes slaughter in federally inspected and er plants, but excludes animals slaughtered on farms. **Beef production** in the U.S. totaled 2.19 billion pounds dress weight, up 13% from previous year and a new record high for April. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.95 million head, up 9% from a year earlier. The average live ight increased 41 pounds to 1,227. **Pork production** totaled 1.67 billion pounds dress weight, up 9% from the previous year and a new ord high for April. Hog kill totaled 8.4 million head, 8% above April 2001. The average live weight increased 2 pounds to 267. **Veal oduction** totaled 16 million pounds dress weight, up 6% from a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 82,000 head, up 10% from a year ago. The erage live weight decreased 13 pounds to 327. **Lamb and mutton production** totaled 19 million pounds dress weight, down 5% from a r ago. Sheep slaughter totaled 278,300 head, down 4% from the previous year. The average live weight decreased 2 pounds to 138.

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER - APRIL

SPECIES	NORTH CAROLINA				UNITED STATES					
	Number Slaughtered [1]		Total Live Weight		Number Slaughtered [1]		Total Live Weight		Total Dressed Weight [2]	
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002
	Thous. Head		*Thous. Pounds*		*Million Head*		*Million Pounds*		*Million Pounds*	
Cattle	13.4	15.7	14,097	16,712	2.7	2.9	3,218	3,618	1,939	2,194
Calves	0.2	0.1	61	47	0.1	0.1	25	27	15	16
Sheep & Lambs	[3]	[3]	[3]	[3]	0.3	0.3	41	38	20	19
Hogs	788.8	888.8	200,171	228,931	7.8	8.4	2,073	2,254	1,533	1,673
TOTAL	802.4	904.6	214,329	245,690	10.9	11.7	5,357	5,937	3,507	3,902

[1] Includes slaughter under Federal inspection and other commercial slaughter, excludes farm slaughter.
[2] Totals may not equal sum due to rounding. [3] Not published to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

CATTLE ON FEED DOWN

Nationally, cattle and calves on feed May 1, 2002 in feedlots of 1,000 or more head for slaughter market totaled 11.0 million head, vn 2% from a year ago, but slightly above May 1, 2000.

Placements in feedlots during April totaled 1.45 million, 6% below 2001 and 15% below 2000. Net placements were 1.37 million. During ril, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 210,000, 600-699 pounds were 225,000, 700-799 pounds were 2,000, 800 pounds and over were 476,000 head.

Marketings of fed cattle during April 2002 totaled 1.99 million, up 10% from a year ago and 6% above 2000. Other disappearance aled 83,000 head during April, down 7% from 2001 and 8% below 2000.

CATTLE ON FEED: NUMBER ON FEED, 1,000 + Capacity Feedlots [1]

STATE	MAY 1, 2001	APRIL 1, 2002	MAY 1, 2002	
			NUMBER	2002 as % of 2001
	1,000 Head			*Percent*
Arizona	308	314	304	99
California	435	485	480	110
Colorado	1,170	1,120	1,080	92
Idaho	330	325	315	95
Iowa	380	395	385	101
Kansas	2,380	2,420	2,270	95
Nebraska	2,250	2,300	2,170	96
New Mexico	83	113	102	123
Oklahoma	345	360	340	99
S Dakota	215	220	215	100
Texas	2,640	2,900	2,700	102
Washington	254	230	215	85
Other States	380	395	380	100
UNITED STATES	11,170	11,577	10,956	98

[1] Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

PEANUT STOCKS UP

Peanut stocks in commercial storage April 30, 2002 in the United States were up 51% from last year and totaled 2.90 billion pounds of equivalent farmer stock, compared to 1.91 billion pounds last year. This total includes 1.72 billion pounds of actual farmer stock.

Shelled peanuts on hand totaled 1.11 billion pounds of farmer stock equivalent. Roasting stock totaled 62.8 million pounds. There were 608 million pounds of Commodity Credit Corporation uncommitted stocks on hand as of April 30, 2002.

Shelled peanut stocks totaled 838 million pounds of which 818 million pounds were edible grades and 20.4 million pounds were oil stocks. Edible grade stocks by type were 174 million pounds of Virginias, 606 million pounds of Runners, and 37.7 million pounds of Spanish.

NORTH CAROLINA LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY

Inventory Values, 1993 - 2002

YEAR	ALL CATTLE AND CALVES January 1		ALL HOGS AND PIGS December 1		ALL CHICKENS December 1		ALL SHEEP AND LAMBS January 1	
	Farm Value Per Head	Total Value	Farm Value Per Head	Total Value	Farm Value Per Head	Total Value	Farm Value Per Head	Total Value
	Dollars	*Thous. Dollars*	*Dollars*	*Thous. Dollars*	*Dollars*	*Thous. Dollars*	*Dollars*	*Thous. Dollars*
1993	540.00	540,000	68.00	367,200	3.70	71,410	77.00	1,602
1994	530.00	545,900	55.00	385,000	3.70	71,928	72.00	1,253
1995	505.00	545,400	70.00	574,000	4.00	75,340	86.00	1,376
1996	420.00	474,600	92.00	855,600	4.60	79,493	85.00	1,275
1997	400.00	440,000	72.00	691,200	4.60	79,005	105.00	1,523
1998	490.00	470,400	41.00	397,700	4.60	79,212	115.00	1,610
1999	480.00	470,400	63.00	598,500	5.00	85,675	99.00	1,436
2000	550.00	517,000	62.00	576,600	4.00	71,036	n/a	n/a
2001	600.00	570,000	63.00	604,800	5.00	90,605	n/a	n/a
2002	620.00	589,000	-	-	-	-	n/a	n/a

Note: Sheep value was discontinued January 2000.

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STATE'S WHEAT CROP UP U.S. DOWN

North Carolina's 2002 expected wheat production, at 21.2 million bushels, is up 15% from last year's weather reduced crop. The 2001 production was severely impacted by a cold snap during a critical phase of development. This month's forecast is down 4% from May due to the effects of drought stress in a large portion of the production area. Harvest had barely begun during the first week of June, but farmers are anticipating an average yield of 45 bushels per acre, 6 bushels per acre more than last year's cold damaged crop.

U.S. winter wheat production is forecast at 1.24 billion bushels, down 5% from the May 1 forecast and 9% below 2001 to the lowest level since 1978. Based on June 1 conditions, the U.S. yield is forecast at 41 bushels per acre, down 2.1 bushels from the previous forecast. Grain area totals 30.2 million acres, unchanged from May 1, but 4% below last year.

WINTER WHEAT - Acreage, Yield and Production, 2000-2001

STATES	ACRES HARVESTED		YIELD		PRODUCTION		
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2000	2001	2002
	1,000 Acres		*Bushels*		*1,000 Bushels*		
North Carolina	**470**	**470**	**39.0**	**45.0**	**27,500**	**18,330**	**21,150**
Arkansas	970	800	52.0	53.0	59,400	50,440	42,400
California	380	310	70.0	75.0	27,300	26,600	23,250
Colorado	2,000	1,800	33.0	23.0	68,150	66,000	41,400
Delaware	57	58	61.0	65.0	4,158	3,477	3,770
Georgia	200	180	53.0	45.0	10,800	10,600	8,100
Idaho	710	690	73.0	75.0	65,700	51,830	51,750
Illinois	720	650	61.0	55.0	52,440	43,920	35,750
Indiana	380	330	66.0	60.0	35,190	25,080	19,800
Kansas	8,200	8,000	40.0	35.0	347,800	328,000	280,000
Kentucky	360	380	66.0	62.0	23,940	23,760	23,560
Maryland	175	180	63.0	65.0	12,600	11,025	11,700
Michigan	560	460	64.0	67.0	36,000	35,840	30,820
Mississippi	225	180	52.0	50.0	12,925	11,700	9,000
Missouri	760	760	54.0	51.0	49,400	41,040	38,760
Montana	870	1,000	22.0	30.0	44,550	19,140	30,000
Nebraska	1,600	1,600	37.0	29.0	59,400	59,200	46,400
New York	120	137	53.0	60.0	7,420	6,360	8,220
Ohio	900	825	67.0	65.0	79,920	60,300	53,625
Oklahoma	3,700	3,600	33.0	31.0	142,800	122,100	111,600
Oregon	700	750	40.0	47.0	45,260	28,000	35,250
Pennsylvania	160	175	52.0	58.0	10,335	8,320	10,150
South Carolina	210	190	43.0	40.0	9,555	9,030	7,600
South Dakota	370	1,050	32.0	34.0	53,760	11,840	35,700
Tennessee	340	270	54.0	51.0	20,900	18,360	13,770
Texas	3,200	2,500	34.0	32.0	66,000	108,800	80,000
Virginia	170	175	60.0	62.0	12,915	10,200	10,850
Washington	1,750	1,700	61.0	65.0	131,400	106,750	110,500
Wyoming	120	130	24.0	18.0	4,080	2,880	2,340
Other States [1]	918	824	46.4	49.1	44,425	42,557	40,456
United States	31,295	30,174	43.5	41.0	1,566,023	1,361,479	1,237,671

[1] *Other States include AL, AZ, FL, IA, LA, MN, NV, NJ, NM, ND, UT, WV, and WI.*

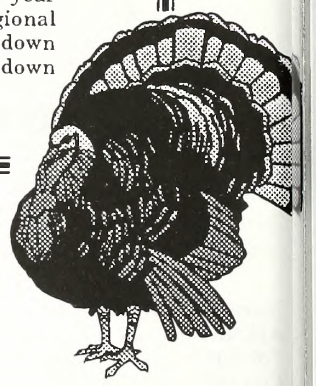
TURKEY HATCHERY - JUNE 1

GEOGRAPHIC DIVISION	Eggs in Incubators June 1			Poults Placed During May [1]		
	2001	2002	2002 as % of 2001	2001	2002	2002 as % of 2001
	Thousands		*Percent*	*Thousands*		*Percent*
North & South Atlantic	**10,444**	**8,879**	**85**	**8,552**	**6,978**	**82**
East North Central	5,076	5,056	100	3,837	4,095	107
West North Central	11,604	11,677	101	9,330	9,547	102
South Central	3,283	3,429	104	2,566	2,762	108
West	3,659	3,291	90	2,397	2,217	92
United States	34,066	32,332	95	26,682	25,599	96

[1] Regional placements refer to poults placed from hatcheries located in that region, and not the actual location of the birds after placement.

TURKEY EGGS AND PLACEMENTS DOWN

Nationally, turkey eggs in incubators on June 1, 2002 totaled 32.3 million, down 5% from a year earlier. Eggs in incubators were down 2% from the May 1 total of 32.9 million. The 25.6 million turkeys placed during May 2002 in the United States were down 4% from the placements during the same month a year ago. Placements were down 2% from the April 2002 total of 26 million. Regional placement percent changes from the previous year were: N & S Atlantic, down 18%; E N Central, up 7%; W N Central, up 2%; S Central, up 8%; and West, down 8%.



NORTH CAROLINA PRICES RECEIVED INDEX

The May 2002 "All Farm Products" index of prices received by North Carolina farmers, at 237% of its 1967 base, was up 3 points from a month earlier. Contributing most to the increase were higher prices for corn, cotton, soybeans, and hogs. The index was 16 points below a year ago.

The May 2002 "All Crops" index, at 253, was up 1 point from the previous month, but was 3 points below a year earlier. The "Livestock and Livestock Products" index for May 2002, at 209, was up 7 points from the previous month, but was 39 points below the previous year.

The meat animals index for May 2002, at 234, was up 11 points from the previous month, but was 63 points below a year ago. The poultry index, at 195, was up 9 points from a month earlier, but was 20 points below the previous year. The dairy index, at 215, was unchanged from a month earlier, but was 57 points below a year ago.

FARM PRICES INDEX NUMBERS

INDEX (1967 = 100)	May 15 2000 [1]	May 15 2001 [1]	April 15 2002 [1]	May 15 2002
NORTH CAROLINA				
Prices Received: All Farm Products	250	253	234	237
All Crops	266	256	252	253
Tobacco	289	282	283	283
Oil Bearing	221	202	164	166
Grains	190	166	172	175
Commercial Vegetables	205	200	197	197
Fruits	305	318	318	318
Livestock and Livestock Products	223	248	202	209
Meat Animals	292	297	223	234
Poultry	186	215	186	195
Dairy	226	272	215	215
UNITED STATES				
Prices Received, All Farm Products	254	274	240	250
Prices Paid, Commodities & Services [2]	[4]	[4]	483	[4]
Parity Ratio [3]	[4]	[4]	50	[4]

[1] Revised. [2] Including Interest, Taxes and Farm Wage Rates. [3] Ratio of Index of Prices Received by Farmers to Index of Prices Paid. [4] Available quarterly following February 1986 Survey.

PRICES RECEIVED FOR SELECTED COMMODITIES

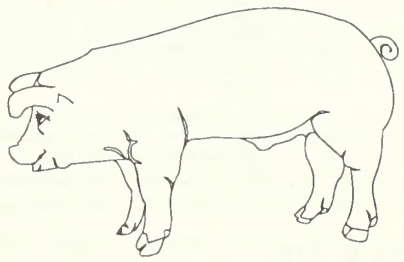
The average price received for corn by North Carolina farmers in May 2002 was $2.40 per bushel, up 3 cents from the previous month and 12 cents above a year ago. Cotton, at 34.2 cents per pound, was up 2 cents from a month earlier. The May soybean price, at $4.70 per bushel, was up 8 cents from the previous month and was 23 cents above a year earlier.

Prices received for all hogs in May, at $36.20 per hundredweight, were up $4.80 from April, but were $14.80 below a year ago. The price for table eggs decreased 1 cent in May to 25.0 cents per dozen, a normal seasonal decline. The May price was 9 cents below a year earlier.

PRICES RECEIVED

COMMODITY	UNIT	NORTH CAROLINA			UNITED STATES		
		May 2001	April 2002	May 2002	May 2001	April 2002	May 2002
		Entire Month	*Entire Month*	*Mid Month*	*Entire Month*	*Entire Month*	*Mid Month*
				Dollars			
Corn	Bu.	2.28	2.37	2.40	1.82	1.91	1.97
Cotton	Lb.	-	.322	.342	.409	.293	.275
Soybeans	Bu.	4.47	4.62	4.70	4.33	4.47	4.62
Hogs, All	Cwt.	51.00	31.40	36.20	50.40	31.80	34.50
Com'l Broilers [1]	Lb.	-	-	-	.400	.300	.320
Turkeys [1 2]	Lb.	.380	-	-	.382	.326	.355
Eggs [2 3]	Doz.	.340	.260	.250	.365	.321	.297
Milk, All [1]	Cwt.	-	-	-	15.50	12.50	12.30
Potatoes	Cwt.	-	-	-	5.24	8.63	10.70
Apples, Com'l. [4]	Lb.	-	-	-	.152	.215	.218
Hay, All [2]	Ton	-	-	-	107.00	99.90	102.00

[1] North Carolina monthly estimates discontinued. [2] Mid month. [3] Market (Table) eggs including eggs sold retail by producers. [4] Entire month.



SWEETPOTATO PRODUCTION UP

The 2001 end of season estimate of North Carolina sweetpotato production totaled 558 million pounds, up 1% from 2000. Harvested area, at 36,000 acres, was down 1,000 acres from a year earlier. Average yield per acre is estimated at 15,500 pounds, up 500 pounds from 2000. North Carolina ranked first in the Nation in sweetpotato production and was followed by Louisiana, Mississippi, California, Alabama and Texas. The State's sweetpotato crop was 81% above Louisiana and 133% above the Mississippi crop.

U.S. production of sweetpotatoes totaled 1.46 billion pounds for 2001, up 6% from a year earlier. Growers harvested 93,500 acres in 2001, down 1% from the previous year. The average yield is 15,600 pounds per acre, up 1,100 pounds from the previous crop.

SWEETPOTATOES: Acreage, Yield and Production, 2000-2001, Revised

STATE	ACRES PLANTED		ACRES HARVESTED		YIELD		PRODUCTION	
	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001
	1,000 Acres				*Cwt.*		*1,000 Cwt.*	
North Carolina	**38.0**	**37.0**	**37.0**	**36.0**	**150**	**155**	**5,550**	**5,580**
Alabama	3.3	3.0	3.2	2.9	145	170	464	493
California	10.5	10.0	10.5	10.0	250	230	2,625	2,300
Georgia	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.4	140	100	70	40
Louisiana	25.0	24.0	24.0	22.0	130	140	3,120	3,080
Mississippi	12.7	16.7	12.3	16.0	120	150	1,476	2,400
New Jersey	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	100	105	120	126
South Carolina	0.7	0.8	0.6	0.7	85	80	51	56
Texas	5.5	4.2	5.1	3.8	45	100	230	380
Virginia	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	175	220	88	110
United States	98.0	97.9	94.9	93.5	145	156	13,794	14,565

NORTH CAROLINA'S RANK IN U.S. AGRICULTURE, 2001

US	Item	Production		NC Percent of U.S. Production	Top Three States
1	**Total Tobacco**	**387**	**(Mil Lbs)**	**39.0**	**NC, KY, TN**
	Flue-Cured Tobacco	**376**	**(Mil Lbs)**	**65.0**	**NC, SC, GA**
	Sweetpotatoes	**5,580**	**(000 Cwt.)**	**38.9**	**NC, LA, MS**
2	Hogs & Pigs (12-1-01)	9.6	(Mil Hd)	16.3	IA, NC, MN
	Christmas Trees Cash Receipts [1]	$95	(Mil $)	20.0	OR, NC, MI
	Cucumbers for Pickles	86	(000 Tons)	14.6	MI, NC, FL
	Lima Beans	33	(000 Cwt)	16.3	GA, NC, SC
	Trout Sold	4,763	(000 Lbs)	8.0	ID, NC, WA
	Turkeys Raised	43	(Mil Hd)	15.8	MN, NC, AK
3	Turnip Greens	147	(000 Cwt)	13.1	GA, SC, NC
	Collard Greens	243	(000 Cwt)	14.5	GA, SC, NC
	Net Farm Income [1]	$3,113	(Mil $)	6.7	CA, TX, NC
	Poultry & Egg Products Cash Receipts	$2,458	(Mil $)	10.2	AK, GA, NC
4	Bell Peppers	788	(000 Cwt)	5.3	CA, FL, NJ
	Broilers [1]	712	(Mil Hd)	9.8	GA, AK, AL
	Peanuts	356	(Mil Lbs)	8.3	GA, TX, AL
	Greenhouse & Nursery Cash Receipts [1]	$987	(Mil $)	8.0	CA, FL, TX
	Strawberries	196	(000 Cwt)	1.2	CA, FL, OR
5	Burley Tobacco	10.7	(Mil Lbs)	3.2	KY, TN, VA
	Chile Peppers	72	(000 Cwt)	2.3	NM, CA, TX
	Cucumbers, Fresh Market	828	(000 Cwt)	7.6	FL, GA, MI
	Mustard Greens	91	(000 Cwt)	8.8	GA, CA, SC
	Snap Beans	342	(000 Cwt)	5.7	FL, GA, NY
6	Blueberries [3]	13,500	(000 Lbs)	6.9	MI, NJ, OR
	Cabbage	1,911	(000 Cwt)	7.3	NY, CA, TX
	Catfish Sold	4,226	(000 Lbs)	0.6	MS, AL, AR
	Cotton [2]	1,673	(000 Bales)	8.2	TX, CA, MS
	Eggplants	37	(000 Cwt)	2.4	CA, FL, GA
	Livestock, Dairy & Poultry Cash Receipts [1]	$4,275	(Mil $)	4.3	TX, CA, NE
7	All Commodities Cash Receipts [1]	$7,410	(Mil $)	3.8	CA, TX, IA
	Tomatoes	832	(000 Cwt)	2.3	FL, CA, OH
	Watermelons	1,473	(000 Cwt)	3.6	FL, CA, TX
8	Crop Cash Receipts	$3,135	(Mil $)	3.3	CA, FL, IL
	Squash	390	(000 Cwt)	5.0	CA, FL, MI
9	Apples [3]	105	(Mil Lbs)	1.1	WA, NY, MI
	Chickens (12-1-01), (Excludes Broilers)	18.1	(Mil Hd)	4.1	IA, OH, PA
10	Sweet Corn	861	(000 Cwt)	3.1	FL, NY, CA
12	Chicken Eggs	2,535	(Mil Eggs)	3.0	IA, OH, PA
	Pecans	3,200	(000 Lbs)	1.0	GA, TX, NM
13	Export Shares [1]	$1,182	(Mil $)	2.3	CA, IA, TX
	Peaches [3]	12	(Mil Lbs)	0.5	CA, GA, SC
14	Grapes [3]	2,000	(Tons)	<0.1	CA, WA, NY
15	Irish Potatoes	3,515	(000 Cwt)	0.8	ID, WA, WI
	Number of Farms	56	(000)	2.6	TX, MO, IA
	Soybeans	43	(Mil Bu)	1.5	IA, IL, IN
16	Sorghum For Grain	770	(000 Bu)	0.1	KS, TX, NE
18	Corn for Grain	78	(Mil Bu)	0.8	IA, IL, NE
19	Barley	1.2	(Mil Bu)	0.5	ND, ID, MT
	Oats	1.7	(Mil Bu)	1.4	ND, MN, WI
	Winter Wheat	18	(Mil Bu)	1.3	KS, OK, TX
30	Milk	1,164	(Mil Lbs)	0.7	CA, WI, NY
32	Cattle on Farms (1-1-02)	950	(000 Hd)	1.0	TX, KS, NE
35	Hay	1,578	(000 Tons)	1.0	TX, SD, CA

[1] Year 2000 references. [2] 480 lbs. bales. [3] Utilized production

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CORN, COTTON AND FLUE-CURED TOBACCO ACREAGE INCREASE; PEANUT PLANTINGS REDUCED

North Carolina has been extremely dry in 2002. Precipitation is several inches below normal for the year, heading into an anticipated hot and dry summer. A seemingly impenetrable high pressure system has hung over the Southeast for more than a month. Recently, only limited amounts of rainfall have resulted from intense, isolated storms. The dry weather has allowed extensive field work, but farmers have delayed some plantings due to a lack of soil moisture. Field crop planting and small grain harvesting has proceeded well ahead of normal because of ample days suitable for fieldwork. Rainfall will be a premium in the coming weeks as crops have entered critical stages of development. Presently, many farmers are focused on finishing soybean planting and small grain harvest.

Cotton plantings were completed ahead of schedule this year and conditions have been mostly good. However, the cotton crop has started to square and will require adequate rainfall to ensure good square production, which translates into increased boll setting. Increased cotton acreage continues to be the trend in North Carolina despite slumping prices. Cotton plantings are at 980,000 acres, 1% above last year. An estimated 86%, or 840,000 acres, were planted with biotechnology developed seed. Considering all the planted acres, the breakdown by category of biotech plantings are as follows: 14% Bt seed, 27% herbicide resistant seed and 45% stacked gene seed.

Soybean plantings, at 1.37 million acres, increased 20,000 acres from the March 2002 intentions, but are 10,000 acres below 2001. As of the week ending June 23rd, this year's crop was over 80% planted and nearly 75% emerged. Concerns about soil moisture have some farmers delaying plantings.

Corn plantings were completed well ahead of schedule this season. Currently, corn conditions are mostly fair to good. This year's crop is entering it's critical stages of development, and rainfall will be necessary for good pollination. Corn planted acreage, at 770,000 acres, are unchanged from the March intentions and 70,000 acres above last year. Harvested acres are forecast at 690,000.

Flue-cured tobacco acreage, at 163,000 acres, is up 5% from last year and up 1% from March intentions. This acreage increase approximates the increase in this year's quota. Early season dry conditions have slowed the development of this drought-tolerant plant, but tobacco can rebound with a few timely rainfalls.

Burley tobacco growers expect to harvest 6,500 acres, a 3% decrease from a year ago. Burley growers, like their flue-cured counterparts, are also in dire need of some soaking rains. Some burley growing areas were also hit by a late spring freeze, further aggravating an already difficult start to the growing season. A solid rainfall would alleviate some of these problems, but there are also concerns that it could spur a rash of blue mold disease problems, which have been reported in some of the burley growing areas this year.

Peanut farmers in the State planted 100,000 acres, 18% lower than last year and March intentions. Farmers revised peanut planting intentions, switching to other crops, after the Farm Bill brought major changes to the peanut program. Like the rest of the agricultural sector, peanuts could use some precipitation, but the crop is still currently rated mostly good.

The expected **wheat** harvest, at 480,000 acres, is up 2% from both the May forecast and 2001. Despite the projected increase, this represents the second lowest harvested wheat acreage since 1991. Just prior to harvest, wheat conditions were rated as 5% very poor, 10% poor, 35% fair, and 49% good and 1% excellent.

Sweetpotato growers expect to harvest 37,000 acres, 1,000 acres more than in 2001. Planted acreage, at 38,000 acres, is also 1,000 acres more than last year.

2002 CROP ACREAGES

CROPS	PLANTED		HARVESTED		Percent Change
	2001	2002	2001	2002	
	Thousand Acres				+ / -
NORTH CAROLINA					
Barley [1]	28	31	18	20	+ 11
Corn	700	770	625	690	+ 10
Cotton	970	980	965	[2]	
Hay, All	-	-	710	750	+ 6
Alfalfa	-	-	20	20	0
Other	-	-	690	730	+ 6
Irish Potatoes	19.5	18.0	18.5	17.5	- 5
Oats [1]	60	75	30	35	+ 17
Peanuts	123.0	100.0	122.5	100.0	- 18
Sorghum	15	17	11	12	+ 9
Soybeans for Beans	1,380	1,370	1,350	1,320	- 2
Sweetpotatoes	37.0	38.0	36.0	37.0	+ 3
Tobacco:					
Flue-cured	-	-	155.0	163.0	+ 5
Type 11	-	-	42.0	44.0	+ 5
Type 12	-	-	93.0	95.0	+ 2
Type 13	-	-	20.0	24.0	+ 20
Burley	-	-	6.7	6.5	- 3
All	-	-	161.7	169.5	+ 5
Wheat [1]	680	650	470	480	+ 2
UNITED STATES					
Corn	75,752	78,947	68,808	72,081	+ 5
Cotton, All	15,768.5	14,415.5	13,827.7	[2]	
Peanuts	1,541.2	1,469.0	1,411.9	1,412.5	0
Soybeans for Beans	74,105	72,993	73,000	72,029	- 1
Sweetpotatoes	97.9	94.4	93.5	91.8	- 2
Tobacco:					
Flue-cured	-	-	238.1	248.8	+ 4
Burley	-	-	164.3	161.4	- 2
All	-	-	432.4	435.4	+ 1
Wheat, All [1]	59,617	60,085	48,653	47,628	- 2

[1] Acreage planted in preceding fall. [2] Released on August 12, 2002.

EGG PRODUCTION UP

North Carolina laying flocks produced 217 million eggs during May 2002, up 1% from the previous year. Production consisted of 74 million table eggs and 143 million hatching eggs. Table egg production decreased 1%, while hatching eggs increased 3% from a year ago. The average number of layers on hand during May was 11.2 million, up 1% from a year earlier. This number consisted of 3.1 million for table eggs and 8.1 million for broiler-type and egg-type hatching eggs.

U.S. egg production totaled 7.26 billion during May 2002, up slightly from a year ago. Production included 6.13 billion table eggs and 1.14 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.07 billion were broiler-type and 65 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during May 2002 averaged 334 million, slightly lower than a year earlier. May egg production per 100 layers was 2,172 eggs, up 1% from 2,160 eggs in May 2001.

All layers in the U.S. on June 1, 2002 totaled 334 million, slightly higher than a year ago. The 334 million layers consisted of 273 million layers producing table or commercial type eggs, 58.3 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.66 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Daily rate of lay on June 1, 2002, averaged 70.5 eggs per 100 layers, up 1% from a year ago.

EGG PRODUCTION - MAY

STATE	LAYERS ON HAND		TOTAL EGGS PRODUCED		TABLE EGGS		HATCHING EGGS	
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002
	Thousands		*Million Eggs*					
North Carolina	**11,162**	**11,225**	**214**	**217**	**75**	**74**	**139**	**143**
Alabama	10,341	10,207	203	193	64	50	139	143
Florida	10,450	10,580	222	230	208	217	14	13
Georgia	20,757	19,968	414	413	233	228	181	185
South Carolina	5,699	5,268	118	115	99	95	19	20
UNITED STATES	335,159	334,362	7,240	7,262	6,114	6,127	1,126	1,135

RED MEAT PRODUCTION UP

Commercial red meat production in **North Carolina** during May 2002 totaled 176 million pounds dress weight, up 1% from a year earlier. Commercial slaughter of livestock in North Carolina during May 2002 totaled 238 million pounds live weight, up slightly from a year earlier. Cattle slaughter totaled 17 million pounds, down 2%. Hog slaughter, at 221 million pounds, was up slightly from a year earlier. Calf slaughter, at 55,000 pounds, was down 17% from a year earlier. The average live weight per head was: cattle 1,078 pounds; hogs 253 pounds; and calves 379 pounds.

Nationally, commercial red meat production during May 2002 totaled 4.02 billion pounds dress weight, up 4% from a year ago and a new record high for May. Commercial red meat production includes slaughter in federally inspected and other plants, but excludes animals slaughtered on farms. **Beef production** in the U.S. totaled 2.34 billion pounds dress weight, up 2% from the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 3.15 million head, down 2% from a year earlier. The average live weight increased 39 pounds to 1,223. **Pork production** totaled 1.65 billion pounds dress weight, up 6% from the previous year and a new record high for May. Hog kill totaled 8.33 million head, up 5% from May 2001. The average live weight increased 3 pounds to 267. **Veal production** totaled 15 million pounds dress weight, down 3% from a year ago and a new record low for May. Calf slaughter totaled 77,800 head, down 1% from a year ago. The average live weight decreased 5 pounds to 330. **Lamb and mutton production** totaled 20 million pounds dress weight, up 16% from a year ago. Sheep and lamb slaughter totaled 284,100 head, up 19% from the previous year. The average live weight decreased 3 pounds to 138.

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER - MAY

SPECIES	NORTH CAROLINA				UNITED STATES					
	Number Slaughtered [1]		Total Live Weight		Number Slaughtered [1]		Total Live Weight		Total Dressed Weight [2]	
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002
	Thous. Head		*Thous. Pounds*		*Million Head*		*Million Pounds*		*Million Pounds*	
Cattle	16.8	16.1	17,758	17,399	3.2	3.1	3,787	3,848	2,294	2,336
Calves	0.2	0.1	66	55	0.1	0.1	26	26	16	15
Sheep & Lambs	[3]	[3]	[3]	[3]	2.0	0.3	34	39	17	20
Hogs	869.0	872.0	220,073	220,669	8.0	8.3	2,100	2,219	1,555	1,647
TOTAL	886.0	888.2	237,897	238,123	13.3	11.8	5,947	6,132	3,882	4,018

[1] Includes slaughter under Federal inspection and other commercial slaughter, excludes farm slaughter.
[2] Totals may not equal sum due to rounding. [3] Not published to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

HOG INVENTORY UP

All hogs and pigs on **North Carolina** farms on June 1, 2002 totaled 9.8 million head, up 1% from a year ago and up 1% from March 1, 2002. Market hog inventory at 8.8 million head, was up 1% from March and up 1% from last June. Breeding stock, at 1.0 million head, was unchanged from both last quarter and from June 2001. North Carolina ranks 2nd nationally in the total number of hogs and pigs behind Iowa.

The State's pig crop during the March - May 2002 period totaled 4,950,000 head, up 2% from the same months last year. These pigs were produced by 550,000 sows, 2% above last year. Pigs saved per litter averaged 9.0, unchanged from last year's litter size.

North Carolina producers intend to farrow 560,000 sows during June - August 2002 and 560,000 during September - November. If these intentions materialize, farrowings for both quarters will be up 4% from a year ago.

United States inventory of hogs and pigs on June 1, 2002 was estimated at 59.8 million head. This was 2% above both June 2001 and March 1, 2002. Breeding inventory, at 6.21 million head, was up slightly from a year earlier, but down slightly from the previous quarter. Market hogs totaling 53.6 million head, were 2% above both last year and last quarter.

The December 2001 through May 2002 U.S. pig crop, at 50.6 million head, was up 2% from last year. Pigs saved per litter averaged 8.77 compared with 8.81 last year. Producers intend to have 5.85 million sows farrowing during the June - November 2002 period, up 1% from the actual farrowings during the same period in 2001. The total number of hogs under contract, owned by operations with over 5,000 head total inventory, but raised by contractees, accounted for 32% of the total U.S. hog inventory.

HOGS AND PIGS - JUNE 1, 2002
Number on Farms, Sows Farrowing and Pig Crop

ITEM	NORTH CAROLINA			UNITED STATES		
	2001	2002	2002 as % of 2001	2001	2002	2002 as % of 2001
	Thousand Head		*Percent*	*Thousand Head*		*Percent*
NUMBER ON FARMS:						
All Hogs and Pigs	9,700	9,800	101	58,603	59,837	102
Kept for breeding	1,000	1,000	100	6,186	6,209	100
Market	8,700	8,800	101	52,417	53,627	102
Market Hogs and Pigs By Weight Groups:						
Under 60 Lbs.	3,600	3,600	100	19,923	20,140	101
60-119 Lbs.	2,110	2,100	100	12,992	13,109	101
120-179 Lbs.	1,620	1,650	102	10,536	10,958	104
180 Lbs. and Over	1,370	1,450	106	8,967	9,420	105
SOWS FARROWING:						
December [1] -February	530	540	102	2,748	2,832	103
March-May	540	550	102	2,870	2,933	102
December [1] -May	1,070	1,090	102	5,619	5,765	103
June-August	550	560 [2]	102	2,878	2,930 [2]	102
September-November	530	560 [2]	106	2,889	2,915 [2]	101
June-November	1,080	1,120 [2]	104	5,767	5,845 [2]	101
PIG CROP:						
December [1] -February	4,691	4,833	103	23,963	24,711	103
March-May	4,860	4,950	102	25,509	25,851	101
December [1] -May	9,551	9,783	102	49,472	50,561	102
	Number			*Number*		
PIGS PER LITTER:						
December [1] -February	8.85	8.95	101	8.72	8.73	100
March-May	9.00	9.00	100	8.89	8.81	99
December [1] -May	8.93	8.98	101	8.81	8.77	100

[1] *December preceding year.* [2] *Intentions.*

CHICKEN EGGS IN INCUBATORS - JUNE 1

GEOGRAPHIC DIVISION	BROILER-TYPE			EGG-TYPE		
	2001	2002	2002 as % of 2001	2001	2002	2002 as % of 2001
	Thousands		*Percent*	*Thousands*		*Percent*
South Atlantic	**242,662**	**245,598**	**101**	**3,846**	**3,878**	**101**
North Atlantic	12,217	12,778	105	6,612	5,036	76
East North Central	7,713	7,860	102	8,670	6,790	78
West North Central	21,899	21,925	100	7,751	6,712	87
South Central	343,289	346,597	101	4,877	5,416	111
West	25,276	24,562	97	5,890	5,482	93
UNITED STATES	653,056	659,320	101	37,646	33,314	88

PEANUT STOCKS UP

Peanut stocks in commercial storage May 31, 2002 in the United States were up 34% from last year and totaled 2.12 billion pounds of equivalent farmer stock, compared to 1.58 billion pounds last year. This total includes 980 million pounds of actual farmer stock.

Shelled peanuts on hand totaled 1.08 billion pounds of farmer stock equivalent. Roasting stock totaled 68.0 million pounds. There were no Commodity Credit Corporation uncommitted stocks on hand as of May 31, 2002.

Shelled peanut stocks totaled 838 million pounds of which 788 million pounds were edible grades and 22.3 million pounds were oil stocks. Edible grade stocks by type were 157 million pounds of Virginias, 592 million pounds of Runners, and 38.9 million pounds of Spanish.

GRAIN STOCKS, JUNE 1, 2002, WITH COMPARISONS

YEAR	STOCKS ON FARMS				STOCKS IN OFF-FARM POSITIONS [1]				TOTAL STOCKS ALL POSITIONS			
	March 1	**June 1**	Sept. 1	Dec. 1	March 1	**June 1**	Sept. 1	Dec. 1	March 1	**June 1**	Sept. 1	Dec. 1
						Thousand Bushels						
NORTH CAROLINA												
CORN:												
2000	10,000	3,800	1,400	26,000	12,663	7,399	6,355	22,934	22,663	11,199	7,755	48,934
2001	16,000	7,800	2,150	22,500	20,280	10,939	6,621	23,329	36,280	18,739	8,771	45,829
2002	14,000	**7,100**			20,095	**10,716**			34,095	**17,816**		
SOYBEANS:												
2000	*	*	*	*	11,494	6,670	*	15,821	*	*	*	*
2001	*	*	*	*	11,923	6,598	3,983	15,526	*	*	*	*
2002	*	*			9,701	**5,135**			*	*		
WHEAT:												
2000	700	245	3,000	1,300	3,409	3,764	10,993	8,403	4,109	4,009	13,993	9,703
2001	600	190	2,000	1,600	7,321	3,231	9,003	5,882	7,921	3,421	11,003	7,482
2002	200	**70**			4,722	**1,439**			4,922	**1,509**		

[1] *Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals and processors. * Data no longer published, figures included in U.S. total.*

Upland Cotton Biotechnology Varieties by State and United States, Percent of Upland Cotton Planted, 2001-2002

State	Insect Resistant (BT)		Herbicide Resistant		Stacked Gene		All Biotech Varieti	
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	200
North Carolina	**9**	**14**	**37**	**27**	**38**	**45**	**84**	**8**
Arkansas	21	27	29	37	28	26	78	9
California	11	6	27	26	2	1	40	3
Georgia	13	8	43	55	29	30	85	9
Louisiana	30	27	14	9	47	49	91	8
Mississippi	10	19	15	22	61	47	86	8
Texas	8	7	35	40	6	4	49	5
Other States	18	19	33	35	33	32	84	8
United States	13	13	32	36	24	22	69	7

Biotechnology Varieties for United States, Percent Planted Corn and Soybean, 2001-2002

Commodity	Insect Resistant (BT)		Herbicide Resistant		Stacked Gene		All Biotech Variet	
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	20
Corn	18	22	7	9	1	2	26	3
Soybeans			68	75			68	7

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STATE'S WHEAT AND PEACH PRODUCTION UP TOBACCO DOWN

Most of North Carolina continues to endure extreme dry weather. Periodic rainfall throughout June has sustained crop growth thus far. Currently, even with some locations over eight inches below normal precipitation for the year, crops are in mostly fair to good condition. Small grain harvest is nearing completion, well ahead of schedule. Additionally, due to the dry weather, plantings for all crops progressed ahead of schedule. Presently, only a limited amount of soybeans are left to be double-cropped behind wheat. Crop development, especially corn, is at a critical stage. Soil moisture levels continue to suffer and timely rains will be needed to sustain crop production.

N.C. WHEAT PRODUCTION UP

Wheat production is estimated at 21 million bushels, up 15% from last year. The increase reflects improved growing conditions compared with those for the 2001 crop which was negatively impacted by a cold snap and an extended period of dry weather during crop maturation. Harvest of the anticipated 480,000 acres is ahead of schedule due to the intense dry weather. An average wheat yield of 44 bushels per acre is expected.

U.S. winter wheat production is forecast at 1.18 billion bushels, down 13% from 2001 and 5% below the June 1 forecast. This is the lowest winter wheat production since 1971. Yield is forecast at 39.6 bushels per acre, down 1.4 bushels from June.

CROPS: ACRES, YIELD AND PRODUCTION, JULY 1, 2002 [1]

CROPS	UNIT	NORTH CAROLINA					
		ACRES HARVESTED		YIELD		PRODUCTION	
		2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002
		Thousands				*Thousands*	
Irish Potatoes, All [2]	Cwt.	18.5	17.5	190	195	3,515	3,413
Tobacco:							
Flue-cured	Lb.	155	163	2,427	2,128	376,200	346,900
Type 11	Lb.	42	44	2,500	2,150	105,000	94,600
Type 12	Lb.	93	95	2,400	2,100	223,200	199,500
Type 13	Lb.	20	24	2,400	2,200	48,000	52,800
Wheat	Bu.	470	480	39	44	18,330	21,120
		Actual Acres					
Peaches	Lb.	1,200	[3]	10,000	[3]	12,000	20,000
				UNITED STATES			
		Thousands				*Millions*	
Irish Potatoes:							
Spring [2]	Cwt.	76.2	77.7	286	280	21,814	21,753
Small Grain:							
Barley for Grain	Bu.	4,289	4,499	58.2	59.0	249.6	265.3
Oats for Grain	Bu.	1,905	2,633	61.3	56.1	116.9	147.6
Wheat, Winter	Bu.	31,295	29,764	43.5	39.6	1,361.5	1,178.3
Tobacco:							
Flue-cured	Lb.	238.1	248.8	2,432	2,132	579.0	530.4
Peaches	Lb.	151.5	[3]	16,100	[3]	2,441.4	2,547.7

[1] Production forecasts for apples, corn, cotton, peanuts, sorghum, soybeans, burley tobacco, hay, and grapes will be released August 12, 2002. [2] Estimate carried forward from earlier forecast. [3] Released January, 2003.

PEACH PRODUCTION UP

The North Carolina peach production for 2002 is forecast at 20 million pounds, up 67% from the freeze damaged crop of 2001. Harvest of this year's crop is active as mid-season varieties are maturing. The dry weather is producing a sweet and flavorful crop of peaches.

U.S. peach production is forecast at 2.55 billion pounds, up 4% from 2001, but down 2% from 2000.

PEACHES, JULY 1 FORECAST

STATE	PRODUCTION [1]		
	2000	2001	Indicated 2002
	Million Pounds		
North Carolina	**32.0**	**12.0**	**20.0**
Alabama	14.0	23.0	21.0
California	1,855.0	1,727.0	1,880.0
Georgia	115.0	140.0	115.0
Illinois	23.0	17.8	17.5
Michigan	47.5	42.0	14.0
New Jersey	65.0	75.0	65.0
Pennsylvania	60.0	75.0	60.0
South Carolina	150.0	100.0	160.0
Washington	65.0	55.0	50.0
Other States	173.3	174.6	145.2
United States	2,599.8	2,441.4	2,547.7

[1] Includes unharvested production and harvested not sold.

NORTH CAROLINA VEGETABLE ACRES

CROPS	Area Planted		Area Harvested	
	2001	2002 [1]	2001	2002 [1]
	Acres			
Fresh Market				
Bell Peppers	7,000	7,400	6,300	7,000
Cabbage, All	9,400	9,500	9,100	9,200
Cucumbers	7,300	7,400	6,900	7,000
Snap Beans	8,100	8,000	7,600	7,700
Squash	4,300	4,100	4,100	3,900
Strawberries	1,800	1,900	1,700	1,800
Sweet Corn	8,700	8,700	8,200	8,100
Tomatoes	2,700	2,700	2,600	2,600
Watermelon	10,600	10,700	9,500	9,900
Processing				
Cucumbers	18,200	18,500	17,600	[2]

[1] Preliminary. [2] Released January, 2003.

FLUE-CURED TOBACCO PRODUCTION DOWN

Flue-cured tobacco production for the State is forecast at 347 million pounds, 8% below the 376 million pounds produced in 2001. The reduction in expected production is directly related to the persistent drought conditions throughout the state. Farmers with access to irrigation turned to that option early and expect normal yields.

Other growers are expecting significant yield reductions unless consistent rains come soon. In addition to the dry conditions, some fields have been struck by the tomato spotted wilt virus, leading to some abandonment of acreage. Harvested area is expected to total 163,000 acres, 8,000 acres above 2001. Yield per acre is forecast at 2,128 pounds, down 299 pounds from last year.

U.S. flue-cured production is forecast at 530 million pounds, down 8% from 2001 and 11% below 2000. Yield per acre is forecast at 2,132 pounds, down 300 pounds from 2001 and 264 pounds below 2000. Forecasted yields for flue-cured types decreased from last year in every State except Florida, where the yield is expected to be unchanged. U.S. area for harvest, at 248,800 acres, is up 4% from last year.

FLUE-CURED TOBACCO: BY TYPE, JULY 1, 2002

STATE	TYPE	ACRES HARVESTED			YIELD PER ACRE			PRODUCTION		
		2000	2001	Indicated 2002	2000	2001	Indicated 2002	2000	2001	Indicated 2002
		Thousands			*Pounds*			*Thousand Pounds*		
NC	**11**	**40.0**	**42.0**	**44.0**	**2,500**	**2,500**	**2,150**	**100,000**	**105,000**	**94,600**
NC	**12**	**102.0**	**93.0**	**95.0**	**2,405**	**2,400**	**2,100**	**245,310**	**223,200**	**199,500**
NC	**13**	**21.0**	**20.0**	**24.0**	**2,350**	**2,400**	**2,200**	**49,350**	**48,000**	**52,800**
NC	**11-13**	**163.0**	**155.0**	**163.0**	**2,421**	**2,427**	**2,128**	**394,660**	**376,200**	**346,900**
VA	11	17.5	20.5	22.0	2,440	2,370	2,200	42,700	48,585	48,400
SC	13	34.0	32.0	31.0	2,390	2,450	2,150	81,260	78,400	66,650
GA	14	31.0	26.1	28.0	2,220	2,460	2,000	68,820	64,206	56,000
FL	14	4.5	4.5	4.8	2,550	2,600	2,600	11,475	11,700	12,480
US	11-14	250.0	238.1	248.8	2,396	2,432	2,132	598,915	579,091	530,430

NORTH CAROLINA PRICES RECEIVED INDEX

The June, 2002 "All Farm Products" index of prices received by North Carolina farmers, at 241% of its 1967 base, was up 5 points from a month earlier. Contributing most to the increase were higher prices for cotton, soybeans, hogs and eggs. The index was 14 points below a year ago.

The June, 2002 "All Crops" index, at 253, was unchanged from the previous month, but was 3 points below a year earlier. The "Livestock and Livestock Products" index for June 2002, at 218, was up 12 points from the previous month, but was 35 points below the previous year.

The meat animals index for June, 2002, at 228, was up 2 points from the previous month, but was 80 points below a year ago. The poultry index, at 218, was up 23 points from a month earlier and was 1 point above the previous year. The dairy index, at 204, was down 4 points from a month earlier and was 72 points below a year ago.

FARM PRICES INDEX NUMBERS

INDEX (1967 = 100)	June 15 2000 [1]	June 15 2001 [1]	May 15 2002 [1]	June 15 2002
NORTH CAROLINA				
Prices Received: All Farm Products	254	255	236	241
All Crops	263	256	253	253
Tobacco	289	282	283	283
Oil Bearing	212	204	168	169
Grains	173	156	177	175
Commercial Vegetables	206	196	196	203
Fruits	305	318	318	318
Livestock and Livestock Products	237	253	206	218
Meat Animals	294	308	226	228
Poultry	211	217	195	218
Dairy	231	276	208	204
UNITED STATES				
Prices Received, All Farm Products	250	273	248	248
Prices Paid, Commodities & Services [2]	[4]	[4]	[4]	[4]
Parity Ratio [3]	[4]	[4]	[4]	[4]

[1] Revised. [2] Including Interest, Taxes and Farm Wage Rates. [3] Ratio of Index of Prices Received by Farmers to Index of Prices Paid. [4] Available quarterly following February, 1986 Survey.

FARM INCOME

Cash Receipts from Farming by Commodity, North Carolina, 1997-2001

COMMODITIES	RECEIPTS					2001 % OF TOTAL SALES
	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	
	Thousand Dollars					*Percent* [1]
TOTAL COMMODITIES SOLD:	8,227,053	7,185,138	6,698,303	7,340,127	**7,729,851**	**100.0**
Livestock, Dairy & Poultry Products:	4,723,308	3,956,350	3,839,586	4,299,879	**4,644,078**	**60.1**
Crops	3,503,745	3,228,788	2,858,717	3,040,247	**3,085,773**	**39.9**
LIVESTOCK, DAIRY & POULTRY:						
Poultry and Eggs [2]	2,210,327	2,224,996	2,212,268	2,171,279	**2,458,242**	**31.8**
Broilers	1,371,563	1,418,643	1,430,235	1,417,745	**1,681,040**	**21.7**
Turkeys	527,885	469,900	449,064	433,944	**452,360**	**5.9**
Chicken Eggs	203,729	232,079	230,674	223,006	**232,375**	**3.0**
Chickens, Farm	7,590	4,814	5,735	6,024	**6,907**	**.1**
Other Miscellaneous Poultry	99,560	99,560	96,560	90,560	**85,560**	**1.1**
Meat Animals	2,272,415	1,477,549	1,369,431	1,903,273	**1,937,423**	**25.1**
Hogs	2,058,754	1,323,109	1,160,274	1,671,606	**1,709,794**	**22.1**
Cattle and Calves	213,113	153,964	208,709	231,667	**227,629**	**2.9**
Sheep and Lambs	548	476	448	[3]	[3]	
Milk Wholesale & Retail	193,582	208,039	207,081	174,479	**196,137**	**2.5**
Miscellaneous Livestock	46,984	45,766	50,806	50,848	**52,276**	**.7**
Equine	30,000	30,000	[3]	[3]	[3]	
Trout	7,609	6,320	6,130	5,247	**6,475**	**.1**
Catfish	2,194	2,197	2,417	2,743	**2,950**	*
Honey	552	651	671	771	**765**	*
Other Miscellaneous Livestock	6,629	6,598	41,588	42,087	**42,086**	**.5**
INDIVIDUAL CROPS:						
Tobacco	1,193,155	976,714	784,251	854,149	**685,799**	**8.9**
Oil Crops	362,254	280,671	257,171	264,090	**278,699**	**3.6**
Soybeans	270,944	173,836	174,691	171,748	**190,293**	**2.5**
Peanuts	91,310	106,835	82,480	92,342	**88,406**	**1.1**
Feed Grains	220,543	128,760	116,937	143,362	**172,296**	**2.2**
Corn	196,606	111,719	101,503	120,892	**147,286**	**1.9**
Hay	19,346	13,764	11,771	17,961	**20,270**	**.3**
Barley	2,167	1,561	1,837	2,685	**2,311**	*
Sorghum Grain	1,157	939	799	980	**1,347**	*
Oats	1,267	776	1,026	844	**1,081**	*
Food Crops	114,234	78,486	67,974	66,561	**53,571**	**.7**
Wheat	113,519	77,799	67,064	65,869	**52,996**	**.7**
Rye	715	687	911	692	**575**	*
Cotton	299,177	403,457	235,191	254,923	**412,251**	**5.3**
Cotton Lint	282,745	385,371	223,463	234,540	**392,013**	**5.1**
Cottonseed	16,433	18,086	11,728	20,383	**20,238**	**.3**
Vegetables	245,817	258,395	256,132	297,845	**294,064**	**3.8**
Sweetpotatoes	51,550	58,065	49,372	53,763	**58,487**	**.8**
Cucumbers	22,800	27,450	27,700	36,200	**34,911**	**.5**
Tomatoes	14,700	16,632	20,677	20,880	**23,296**	**.3**
Irish Potatoes	21,610	20,280	20,358	21,255	**22,003**	**.3**
Cabbage	14,450	14,051	10,982	14,580	**16,817**	**.2**
Bell Peppers	16,500	10,944	14,617	17,388	**16,154**	**.2**
Sweet Corn	9,653	7,960	7,896	12,150	**12,743**	**.2**
Snap Beans	7,541	9,805	9,817	14,744	**9,848**	**.1**
Squash	[4]	[4]	[4]	9,200	**9,750**	**.1**
Watermelons	7,013	8,208	6,713	9,600	**8,396**	**.1**
Collard Greens	[4]	[4]	[4]	8,580	**6,318**	**.1**
Turnip Greens	[4]	[4]	[4]	4,480	**3,822**	**.1**
Mustard Greens	[4]	[4]	[4]	3,045	**2,457**	*
Chili Peppers	[4]	[4]	[4]	1,330	**1,800**	*
Lima Beans	[4]	[4]	[4]	1,750	**1,485**	*
Eggplant	[4]	[4]	[4]	900	**777**	*
Other Vegetables	80,000	85,000	88,000	68,000	**65,000**	**.8**
Fruits and Nuts	45,203	56,893	67,223	70,530	**62,192**	**.8**
Blueberries	10,090	12,962	13,430	18,130	**18,900**	**.2**
Apples	16,333	15,068	25,734	18,264	**16,797**	**.2**
Strawberries	12,600	15,000	14,080	17,325	**16,660**	**.2**
Peaches	3,500	9,500	10,080	11,840	**4,800**	**.1**
Grapes	920	1,538	2,183	2,661	**2,532**	*
Pecans	1,245	2,300	1,180	1,770	**1,980**	*
Other Fruits and Nuts	515	525	536	540	**523**	*
All Other Crops	1,023,362	1,045,412	1,073,838	1,088,788	**1,126,901**	**14.6**
Greenhouse/Nursery	929,524	947,858	974,441	986,177	**1,021,416**	**13.2**
Christmas Trees and Greenery	86,000	90,000	92,000	95,000	**98,000**	**1.3**
Miscellaneous Crops [5]	7,838	7,554	7,397	7,611	**7,485**	**.1**

*[1] Percents may not add to totals due to rounding. [2] Value of production. [3] Included in "Other Miscellaneous Livestock". [4] Vegetables added 2000. [5] Includes other seeds and other field crops. * Less than .05 percent*

PRICES RECEIVED FOR SELECTED COMMODITIES

The average price received for corn by North Carolina farmers in June, 2002 was $2.40 per bushel, down 3 cents from the previous month, but 26 cents above a year ago. Cotton, at 35 cents per pound, was up 3.3 cents from a month earlier, but was 2 cents below a year ago. The June soybean price, at $4.85 per bushel, was up 7 cents from the previous month and was 27 cents above a year earlier.

Prices received for all hogs in June, at $36.20 per hundredweight, were up $2.00 from May, but were $17.20 below a year ago. The price for table eggs, at 40.5 cents per dozen, was up 15.5 cents from May due to seasonal increase. The June egg price was 6.5 cents above a year earlier.

PRICES RECEIVED

COMMODITY	UNIT	NORTH CAROLINA			UNITED STATES		
		June 2001	May 2002	June 2002	June 2001	May 2002	June 2002
		Entire Month	*Entire Month*	*Mid Month*	*Entire Month*	*Entire Month*	*Mid Month*
				Dollars			
Corn	Bu.	2.14	2.43	2.40	1.76	1.93	1.94
Cotton	Lb.	.370	.317	.350	.392	.286	.303
Soybeans	Bu.	4.58	4.78	4.85	4.46	4.64	4.79
Hogs, All	Cwt.	53.40	34.20	36.20	52.20	33.10	34.50
Com'l Broilers [1]	Lb.	-	-	-	.410	.320	.330
Turkeys [1 2]	Lb.	.380	-	-	.383	.355	.369
Eggs [2 3]	Doz.	.340	.250	.405	.362	.297	.445
Milk, All [1]	Cwt.	-	-	-	16.20	12.20	11.90
Potatoes	Cwt.	-	-	-	5.75	10.40	9.63
Apples, Com'l. [4]	Lb.	-	-	-	.149	.218	.201
Hay, All [2]	Ton	-	-	-	95.80	102.00	95.80

[1] North Carolina monthly estimates discontinued. [2] Mid month. [3] Market (Table) eggs including eggs sold retail by producers. [4] Entire month.

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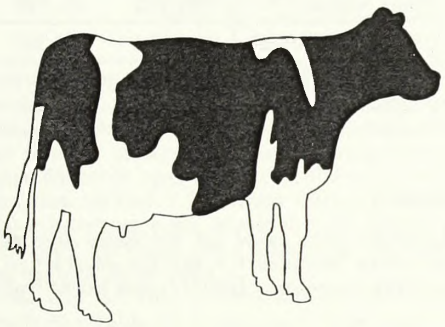
MILK PRODUCTION: APRIL - JUNE

STATE	MILK COWS [1]		MILK PER COW [2]		MILK PRODUCTION [3]		
					Pounds		2002 as % of 2001
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	
	Thousands		*Pounds*		*Millions*		*Percent*
North Carolina	**68**	**65**	**4,397**	**4,646**	**299**	**302**	**101**
Florida	154	151	4,318	4,245	665	641	96
Maryland	82	81	4,024	4,235	330	343	104
South Carolina	21	20	4,667	4,950	98	99	101
Tennessee	93	90	3,817	3,944	355	355	100
Virginia	118	120	4,093	4,133	483	496	103
UNITED STATES	9,114	9,147	4,683	4,805	42,681	43,950	103

[1] Includes dry cows. Excludes heifers not yet fresh. [2] Milk per cow is derived. [3] Excludes milk sucked by calves.



MILK PRODUCTION UP

Milk production in North Carolina totaled 302 million pounds during the April-June 2002 quarter, up 1% from a year earlier. The number of milk cows on Tar Heel farms was estimated at 65,000 head, down 3,000 from a year ago. The average milk per cow, at 4,646 pounds, was up 249 pounds from the April-June 2001 quarter.

U.S. April-June quarterly production of milk was 44 billion pounds, up 3% from the same quarter a year ago. The average number of milk cows in the U.S. during the April-June quarter was 9.15 million, up 33,000 from the same period last year.

Nationally, milk production in the 20 major states during June 2002 totaled 12.3 billion pounds, up 2% from June of last year. Production per cow averaged 1,579 pounds for June, up 24 pounds from June 2001. The number of milk cows on farms in the 20 major states was 7.78 million head, 29,000 more than June 2001 and 16,000 more than May 2002.

CATTLE AND CALVES: Number by Class and Calf Crop, United States, July 1, 2000-2002

CLASS	2000	2001	2002	2002 as % of 2001
	Thousand Head			*Percent*
Cattle and Calves	106,300	105,800	105,200	99
Cows and Heifers That Have Calved:	43,200	43,000	42,900	100
Beef Cows	33,950	33,900	33,750	100
Milk Cows	9,250	9,100	9,150	101
Heifers 500 Pounds and Over	16,500	16,400	16,200	99
For Beef Cow Replacement	4,700	4,600	4,600	100
For Milk Cow Replacement	3,700	3,600	3,700	103
Other Heifers	8,100	8,200	7,900	96
Steers 500 Pounds and Over	14,300	14,600	14,500	99
Bulls 500 Pounds and Over	2,100	2,100	2,100	100
Calves Under 500 Pounds	30,200	29,700	29,500	99
Calf Crop	38,621	38,280	38,400	100
Cattle on Feed	12,300	13,000	12,400	95

CATTLE INVENTORY DOWN

All cattle and calves in the United States as of July 1, 2002 totaled 105 million head, down 1% from the 106 million the previous year and 1% below two years ago.

All cows and heifers that have calved, at 43 million, were slightly below the previous year and were 1% below two years ago. **Beef cows**, at 33.8 million, were down slightly from July 1, 2001 and were 1% below two years ago. **Milk cows**, at 9.15 million, were up 1% from the previous year, but were down 1% from two years ago.

Other class estimates on July 1, 2002, and the changes from July 1 last year, are as follows:

All heifers 500 pounds and over, 16.2 million, down 1%.

Beef replacement heifers, 4.6 million, unchanged.

Milk replacement heifers, 3.7 million, up 3%.

Other heifers, 7.9 million, down 4%.

Steers weighing 500 pounds and over, 14.5 million, down 1%.

Bulls weighing 500 pounds and over, 2.1 million, unchanged.

Calves under 500 pounds, 29.5 million, down 1%.

All cattle and calves on feed for slaughter, 12.4 million, down 5%

The 2002 calf crop is expected to be 38.4 million, up slightly from 2001, but down 1% from 2000. Calves born during the first half of the year are estimated at 28.0 million, down slightly from 2001 and down 1% from 2000.

BROILER HATCH UP

North Carolina commercial hatcheries produced 69 million broiler-type chicks during June 2002, up 4% from a year ago. Nationally, the June 2002 hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 776 million, was up 1% from the previous year. There were 641 million eggs in incubators on July 1, 2002, up 1% from a year earlier. Leading breeders placed 7.21 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during June 2002, up 6% from June 2001.

EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED DOWN

Nationally, egg-type chicks hatched during June 2002 totaled 35.3 million, down 14% from June 2001. Eggs in incubators totaled 32.7 million on July 1, 2002, down 8% from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 221,000 during June 2002, down 15% from June 2001.

CHICKS HATCHED - JUNE

STATE	EGG-TYPE		
	2001	2002	2002 as % of 2001
	Thousands		*Percent*
Arkansas	736	663	90
Florida	786	534	68
Georgia	2,209	2,130	96
Indiana	6,768	4,635	68
Iowa	5,713	5,094	89
Minnesota	1,991	1,708	86
Pennsylvania	6,206	4,884	79
Other States [1]	16,397	15,644	95
UNITED STATES	40,806	35,292	86

[1] Not published separately to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

CHICKS HATCHED - JUNE

STATE	BROILER-TYPE		
	2001	2002	2002 as % of 2001
	Thousands		*Percent*
North Carolina	**66,109**	**69,044**	**104**
Alabama	105,410	105,141	100
Arkansas	109,818	110,108	100
Delaware	12,634	12,766	101
Florida	8,590	8,427	98
Georgia	113,664	114,428	101
Kentucky	22,099	24,155	109
Maryland	34,490	35,156	102
Mississippi	67,890	69,232	102
Oklahoma	22,342	23,723	106
Pennsylvania	12,937	13,394	104
South Carolina	16,715	16,322	98
Texas	54,589	55,576	102
Virginia	24,419	23,151	95
California, Louisiana, Missouri, Tennessee & West Virginia	73,066	73,985	101
19 STATES [1]	744,772	754,608	101
Other States [2]	21,762	21,789	100
UNITED STATES	766,534	776,397	101

[1] States in the weekly hatchery production estimating program are those listed above. [2] Not published separately to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

CATTLE ON FEED DOWN

Nationally, cattle and calves on feed July 1, 2002 in feedlots of 1,000 or more head for slaughter totaled 10.5 million head, down 5% from a year ago, but 1% above two years ago. The inventory included 6.5 million steers and steer calves, down 1% from the previous year. This group accounted for 62% of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 3.97 million head, down 11% from 2001.

Placements in feedlots during June totaled 1.64 million, down 16% from a year ago and 1% below two years ago. Net placements were 1.59 million. During June, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 341,000; 600-699 pounds were 356,000; 700-799 pounds were 513,000; and 800 pounds and over were 434,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during June 2002 totaled 2.1 million, down 2% from a year ago and 5% below two years ago. Other disappearance totaled 51,000 head during June, down 34% from the previous year and 11% below two years ago.

CATTLE ON FEED: NUMBER ON FEED, 1,000 + Capacity Feedlots [1]

STATE	JULY 1, 2001	JUNE 1, 2002	JULY 1, 2002	
			NUMBER	2002 as % of 2001
		1,000 Head		*Percent*
Arizona	291	299	291	100
California	470	485	485	103
Colorado	1,110	1,090	1,030	93
Idaho	320	310	300	94
Iowa	345	375	350	101
Kansas	2,350	2,270	2,160	92
Nebraska	1,900	2,060	1,890	99
New Mexico	98	96	101	103
Oklahoma	390	340	325	83
S Dakota	175	205	175	100
Texas	3,000	2,870	2,850	95
Washington	227	200	180	79
Other States	335	370	350	104
UNITED STATES	11,011	10,970	10,487	95

[1] Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

TURKEY EGGS AND POULTS DOWN

Nationally, turkey eggs in incubators on July 1, 2002, totaled 33.1 million, down slightly from a year earlier. Eggs in incubators were up 1% from the June 1 total of 32.9 million. The 24.4 million poults placed during June 2002 in the United States were down 7% from the placements during the same month a year ago. Placements were down 4% from the May 2002 total of 25.6 million. Regional placement percent changes from the previous year were: N & S Atlantic, down 23%; E N Central, up 7%; W N Central, down slightly; S Central, down 5%; and West, up 6%.

TURKEY HATCHERY - JULY 1

GEOGRAPHIC DIVISION	Eggs in Incubators July 1			Poults Placed During June [1]		
	2001	2002	2002 as % of 2001	2001	2002	2002 as % of 2001
	Thousands		*Percent*	*Thousands*		*Percent*
North & South Atlantic	**10,077**	**9,160**	**91**	**8,309**	**6,362**	**77**
East North Central	4,822	5,034	104	3,542	3,793	107
West North Central	10,856	12,160	112	8,878	8,834	100
South Central	2,872	3,196	111	2,693	2,563	95
West	4,489	3,524	79	2,699	2,857	106
UNITED STATES	33,116	33,074	100	26,121	24,409	93

[1] *Regional placements refer to poults placed from hatcheries located in that region, and not the actual location of the birds after placement.*

CHICKEN EGGS IN INCUBATORS - JULY 1

GEOGRAPHIC DIVISION	BROILER-TYPE			EGG-TYPE		
	2001	2002	2002 as % of 2001	2001	2002	2002 as % of 2001
	Thousands		*Percent*	*Thousands*		*Percent*
South Atlantic	**235,852**	**238,498**	**101**	**3,940**	**4,852**	**123**
North Atlantic	12,388	12,437	100	5,535	4,550	82
East North Central	7,634	8,012	105	8,585	7,173	84
West North Central	19,737	20,829	106	7,610	5,885	77
South Central	333,826	336,208	101	4,582	5,068	111
West	24,387	25,347	104	5,384	5,184	96
UNITED STATES	633,824	641,331	101	35,636	32,712	92

EGG PRODUCTION UP

North Carolina laying flocks produced 207 million eggs during June 2002, up 2% from a year earlier. Production consisted of 72 million table eggs and 135 million hatching eggs. Table eggs were up 6%, and hatching eggs were up 1% from 2001. The average number of layers on hand during June was 11.1 million, up 2% from a year earlier. This number consisted of 3.2 million layers for table eggs and 7.9 million for broiler-type and egg-type hatching eggs.

U.S. egg production totaled 7.12 billion during June 2002, up 2% from a year ago. Production included 6.03 billion table eggs and 1.09 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.03 billion were broiler-type and 60 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during June 2002 averaged 335 million, up 1% from a year ago. June egg production per 100 layers was 2,124 eggs, up 1% from the 2,100 eggs in June 2001.

All layers in the U.S. on July 1, 2002 totaled 335 million, up 1% from a year ago. The 335 million layers consisted of 275 million layers producing table or commercial type eggs, 57.3 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.51 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Daily rate of lay on July 1, 2002 averaged 70.9 eggs per 100 layers, up 1% from a year ago.

EGG PRODUCTION - JUNE

STATE	LAYERS ON HAND		TOTAL EGGS PRODUCED		TABLE EGGS		HATCHING EGGS	
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002
	Thousands		*Million Eggs*					
North Carolina	**10,846**	**11,062**	**202**	**207**	**68**	**72**	**134**	**135**
Alabama	10,488	10,178	196	185	60	45	136	140
Florida	10,439	10,442	216	221	202	209	14	12
Georgia	20,492	19,973	392	393	218	214	174	179
South Carolina	5,687	5,180	116	111	98	92	18	19
UNITED STATES	332,920	335,025	6,992	7,115	5,907	6,026	1,085	1,089

PEANUT STOCKS UP

Peanut stocks in commercial storage June 30, 2002 in the United States were up 30% from last year and totaled 1.80 billion pounds of equivalent farmer stock, compared to 1.39 billion pounds last year. This total includes 692 million pounds of actual farmer stock.

Shelled peanuts on hand totaled 1.03 billion pounds of farmer stock equivalent. Roasting stock totaled 77.3 million pounds. There were no Commodity Credit Corporation uncommitted stocks on hand as of June 30, 2002.

Shelled peanut stocks totaled 776 million pounds of which 761 million pounds were edible grades and 14.7 million pounds were oil stocks. Edible grade stocks by type were 149 million pounds of Virginias, 569 million pounds of Runners, and 42.7 million pounds of Spanish.

N. C. RED MEAT PRODUCTION DOWN
UNITED STATES UP

Commercial red meat production in **North Carolina** during June 2002 totaled 151 million pounds dress weight, down 4% from a year earlier. Commercial slaughter of livestock in North Carolina during June 2002 totaled 207 million pounds live weight, down 3% from a year earlier. Cattle slaughter totaled 17 million pounds, up 22%. Hog slaughter, at 190 million pounds, was down 5% from a year earlier. Calf slaughter, at 50,000 pounds, was down 12% from a year earlier. The average live weight per head was: cattle 1,068 pounds; hogs 250 pounds; and calves 379 pounds.

Nationally, commercial red meat production during June 2002 totaled 3.81 billion pounds dress weight, up 1% from the 3.76 billion pounds produced in June 2001. Commercial red meat production includes slaughter in federally inspected and other plants, but excludes animals slaughtered on farms. **Beef production** in the U.S. totaled 2.30 billion pounds dress weight, up 1% from the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 3.06 million head, down 2% from a year earlier. The average live weight increased 38 pounds to 1,236. **Pork production** totaled 1.48 billion pounds dress weight, up 2% from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 7.5 million head, 1% above June 2001. The average live weight increased 2 pounds to 265. **Veal production** totaled 14.6 million pounds dress weight, down 6% from a year ago and a new record low for June. Calf slaughter totaled 75,900 head, down 2% from a year ago. The average live weight decreased 14 pounds to 319. **Lamb and mutton production** totaled 15.1 million pounds dress weight, down 8% from a year ago and a new record low for June. Sheep slaughter totaled 229,700 head, down 1% from the previous year. The average live weight decreased 10 pounds to 131.

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER - JUNE

SPECIES	NORTH CAROLINA				UNITED STATES					
	Number Slaughtered [1]		Total Live Weight		Number Slaughtered [1]		Total Live Weight		Total Dressed Weight [2]	
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002
	Thous. Head		*Thous. Pounds*		*Million Head*		*Million Pounds*		*Million Pounds*	
Cattle	13.4	16.1	14,127	17,231	3.1	3.1	3,738	3,785	2,269	2,303
Calves	0.1	0.1	57	50	0.1	0.1	26	24	16	15
Sheep & Lambs	[3]	[3]	[3]	[3]	2.0	0.2	33	30	16	15
Hogs	799.2	759.0	200,263	190,028	7.5	7.5	1,969	1,997	1,458	1,480
TOTAL	812.7	775.2	214,447	207,309	12.7	10.9	5,766	5,836	3,759	3,812

[1] Includes slaughter under Federal inspection and other commercial slaughter, excludes farm slaughter.
[2] Totals may not equal sum due to rounding. [3] Not published to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

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DROUGHT STRESS IMPACTING CROP YIELDS

Although North Carolina received much needed rain during the latter part of July, amounts were insufficient to make a large impact on drought conditions. Pasture, hay and corn conditions have been especially affected. The hot and humid weather is fostering an ideal environment for a wide variety of crop diseases and pests. The limited rainfall has been adequate to allow most crops to progress phenologically above their 5 year averages. However, as of August 1, 2002 the majority of the yields are expected to be down from last year.

FLUE-CURED TOBACCO UP FROM LAST MONTH

Flue-cured tobacco production is forecast at 354 million pounds, 6% below the 376 million pounds produced in 2001. Yields improved from July due to scattered rains in the Coastal region, but are down from last year primarily due to the statewide drought and a higher than normal presence of tomato spotted wilt virus. Harvested acres, at 163,000, are unchanged from July, but are 5% above 2001. Yield per acre, at 2,172 pounds, is up 44 pounds from the July forecast, but is 255 pounds below 2001.

U.S. flue-cured production is expected to total 534 million pounds, up 1% from the previous month's forecast, but 8% below last year. Yield per acre, at 2,144 pounds, is 12 pounds above the July forecast, but is 288 pounds below the previous year. Flue-cured growers plan to harvest 248,800 acres, up 4% from last year.

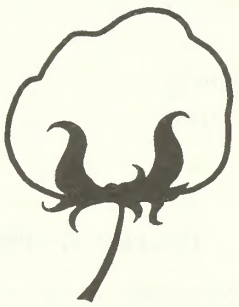
FLUE-CURED TOBACCO: BY TYPE, AUGUST 1, 2002

STATE	TYPE	ACRES HARVESTED			YIELD PER ACRE			PRODUCTION		
		2000	2001	Indicated 2002	2000	2001	Indicated 2002	2000	2001	Indicated 2002
		Thousands			*Pounds*			*Thousand Pounds*		
NC	**11**	**40.0**	**42.0**	**44.0**	**2,500**	**2,500**	**2,150**	**100,000**	**105,000**	**94,600**
NC	**12**	**102.0**	**93.0**	**95.0**	**2,405**	**2,400**	**2,200**	**245,310**	**223,200**	**209,000**
NC	**13**	**21.0**	**20.0**	**24.0**	**2,350**	**2,400**	**2,100**	**49,350**	**48,000**	**50,400**
NC	**11-13**	**163.0**	**155.0**	**163.0**	**2,421**	**2,427**	**2,172**	**394,660**	**376,200**	**354,000**
VA	11	17.5	20.5	22.0	2,440	2,370	2,250	42,700	48,585	49,500
SC	13	34.0	32.0	31.0	2,390	2,450	2,000	81,260	78,400	62,000
GA	14	31.0	26.1	28.0	2,220	2,460	1,950	68,820	64,206	54,600
FL	14	4.5	4.5	4.8	2,550	2,600	2,800	11,475	11,700	13,440
US	11-14	250.0	238.1	248.8	2,396	2,432	2,144	598,915	579,091	533,540

COTTON PRODUCTION DOWN

Cotton production is forecast at 1,500,000 bales, 10% less than last year's record. The drop in production reflects the drought reduced yield of 738 pounds per acre, 94 pounds less than the record set in 2001. Harvested area, at 975,000 acres, is 10,000 acres above last year. On August 1, 2002, the condition of cotton was mostly fair to good as the crop finishes setting bolls.

U.S. cotton production is forecast at 18.4 million bales, down 9% from last year's record production. Yield is expected to average 675 pounds per acre, down 30 pounds from 2001. Upland cotton production, the only type grown in North Carolina, is forecast at 17.8 million bales, only 2% below last year.



BURLEY TOBACCO DOWN FROM LAST YEAR

North Carolina burley tobacco production is forecast at 10.4 million pounds, 3% below 2001. Area for harvest is forecast at 6,500 acres, 200 acres less than the acres harvested in 2001. Yield is forecast at 1,600 pounds per acre, the same as last year's crop.

U.S. burley production is expected to total 327 million pounds, 2% below the 2001 production. Yield is forecast at 2,022 pounds per acre, down 11 pounds from 2001. Burley tobacco growers expect to harvest 161,500 acres, 2% below a year ago.

CORN YIELD FALLS

North Carolina's corn crop is caught in the grip of the severe drought that covers most of the State. As half of the crop is in the dent stage of development and the beginning of harvest is less than a month away, corn yield is projected at 76 bushels per acre, an astounding 49 bushel drop from last year's record. Production is forecast at 51.7 million bushels, 34% below 2001. Harvested acres is estimated at 680,000, up 55,000 acres from last year.

U.S. corn production is forecast at 8.89 billion bushels, down 7% from last year and down 10% from 2000. Based on August 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 125.2 bushels per acre, down 13 bushels from 2001. If realized, this would be the lowest production since 1995. Farmers anticipate harvesting 71 million acres, down slightly over 1 million acres from June, but up 3% from 2001.

SOYBEAN PRODUCTION DOWN

Soybeans have not been hurt as much as corn by the drought, but enough to drop projected yield to 26 bushels per acre, 6 bushels below last year. Soybeans are in the critical blooming stage of development and moisture is needed soon to assure a decent yield. Expected harvested acreage decreased by 30,000 acres from last year, lowering production to 34.3 million bushels, 21% less than 2001.

U.S. soybean production is forecast at 2.63 billion bushels, down 9% from a year ago. Based on conditions as of August 1, yield is estimated at 36.5 bushels per acre, 3.1 bushels below last year. Area for harvest is estimated at 72 million acres, down 1% from a year ago.

STATE'S WHEAT PRODUCTION UP, U.S. DOWN

Winter wheat production for the State is estimated at 21 million bushels, up 15% from last year. Area harvested, at 480,000 acres, is up 10,000 acres from last year. Yield, at 44 bushels per acre, is the same as July's forecast and is up 5 bushels from 2001.

The U.S. winter wheat yield is estimated at 38.9 bushels per acre, nearly a bushel below the July estimate and 4.6 bushels below 2001 yield. Production totaled 1.16 billion bushels, 15% below last year. All wheat production is placed at 1.69 billion bushels, down 4% from the July forecast and down 14% from 2001. This is the lowest production since 1972.

NORTH CAROLINA CROPS: ACRES, YIELD AND PRODUCTION, AUGUST 1, 2002

CROPS	UNIT	NORTH CAROLINA					
		ACRES HARVESTED		YIELD		PRODUCTION	
		2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002
		Thousands				*Thousands*	
Corn, grain	Bu.	625	680	125	76	78,125	51,680
Cotton, Upland [1]	Lb.	965	975	832	738	1,673	1,500
Hay, Other	Ton	690	730	2.20	1.80	1,518	1,314
Irish Potatoes [2]	Cwt.	18.5	17.5	190	195	3,515	3,413
Peanuts	Lb.	122.5	100.0	2,910	2,800	356,475	280,000
Soybeans	Bu.	1,350	1,320	32	26	43,200	34,320
Tobacco:							
Flue-cured	Lb.	155	163	2,427	2,172	376,200	354,000
Type 11	Lb.	42	44	2,500	2,150	105,000	94,600
Type 12	Lb.	93	95	2,400	2,200	223,200	209,000
Type 13	Lb.	20	24	2,400	2,100	48,000	50,400
Burley	Lb.	6.7	6.5	1,600	1,600	10,720	10,400
All	Lb.	161.7	169.5	2,393	2,150	386,920	364,400
Wheat, Winter	Bu.	470	480	39	44	18,330	21,120
		Actual Acres					
FRUIT:							
Apples [3]	Lb.	8,000	[4]	15,000	[4]	120,000	160,000
Grapes [3]	Ton	700	[4]	2.9	[4]	2.0	2.7
Peaches [2 3]	Lb.	1,200	[4]	10,000	[4]	12,000	20,000
UNITED STATES							
		Thousands				*Millions*	
Corn, grain	Bu.	68,808	71,001	138.2	125.2	9,506.8	8,886.0
Cotton, All [1]	Lb.	13,828	13,112	705	675	20.3	18.4
Hay: Alfalfa [5]	Ton	23,812	24,134	3.37	3.09	80.3	74.6
Other	Ton	39,699	40,575	1.93	1.92	76.4	78.0
All	Ton	63,511	64,709	2.47	2.36	156.7	152.6
Peanuts	Lb.	1,412	1,426	3,029	2,885	4,276.7	4,112.2
Small Grain:							
Barley for Grain	Bu.	4,289	4,499	58.2	55.9	249.6	251.7
Oats for Grain	Bu.	1,905	2,633	61.3	54.2	1,361.5	142.6
Wheat, Winter	Bu.	31,295	29,764	43.5	38.9	1,361.5	1,158.1
Sorghum, grain	Bu.	8,584	7,548	59.9	50.3	514.5	379.8
Soybeans	Bu.	73,000	72,029	39.6	36.5	2,890.6	2,628.4
Tobacco:							
Flue-cured	Lb.	238.1	248.8	2,432	2,144	579.0	533.4
Burley	Lb.	164.3	161.5	2,033	2,022	334.1	326.8
All	Lb.	432.4	435.5	2,293	2,117	991.5	921.3
FRUIT:							
Apples [3]	Lb.	430.2	[4]	22,400	[4]	9,629.1	9,205.5
Grapes [3]	Ton	930.4	[4]	7.04	[4]	6.6	7.1
Peaches [3]	Lb.	151.5	[4]	16,100	[4]	2,441.4	2,531.7

[1] Production in 480-lb bales. [2] Estimate carried forward from earlier forecast. [3] Total production. [4] Released January, 2003. [5] Includes alfalfa a alfalfa mixtures.

GRAPE PRODUCTION UP

Grape production in North Carolina is forecast at 2,700 tons, up 35% from 2001. Production is expected to increase because of new acres bearing for the first time in 2002 and anticipated improved yields from last year's freeze damaged crop.

U.S. production of grapes is forecast at 7.10 million tons. This is 8% above the 6.55 million tons harvested in 2001.

NORTH CAROLINA PRICES RECEIVED INDEX

The July 2002 "All Farm Products" index of prices received by North Carolina farmers, at 242% of its 1967 base, was unchanged from a month earlier. The index was 16 points below a year earlier.

The July 2002 "All Crops" index, at 258, was up 3 points from the previous month, but was 3 points below a year earlier. The "Livestock and Livestock Products" index for July 2002, at 215, was 3 points below the previous month and was 37 points below the previous year.

The meat animals index for July 2002, at 239, was up 8 points from the previous month, but was 62 points below a year ago. The poultry index, at 207, was down 10 points from the previous month and was 11 points below a year earlier. The dairy index, at 203, was down 1 point from a month earlier and was 81 points below a year ago.

PRICES RECEIVED FOR SELECTED COMMODITIES

The average price received for corn by North Carolina farmers in July 2002 was $2.68 per bushel, up 28 cents from the previous month and 38 cents above a year ago. Cotton, at 40.7 cents per pound, was up 7.4 cents from the previous month. The July soybean price, at $5.61 per bushel, was up 45 cents from the previous month and was $1.03 above a year earlier.

Prices received for all hogs in July, at $40.20 per hundredweight, were up $3.00 from June, but were $13.20 below a year ago. The price for table eggs, at 34.0 cents per dozen, was down 6.5 cents from June due to a seasonal decrease in demand, but were unchanged from a year earlier.

NC APPLE PRODUCTION UP, U.S. DOWN

Apple production is forecast at 160 million pounds, 33% above last year. The majority of the apple growing regions avoided the widespread freezes that have crippled the crop the last couple of years. An increase in volume, coupled with hope for higher prices, would help make up for a series of years of low processing prices and reduced production.

The Nation's first forecast of the 2002 apple crop is 9.21 billion pounds, down 4% from last year and 14% below 2000. Decreased production in the Eastern and Central States more than offset projected increases in the Western States.

NC PEANUT ACRES AND YIELD DOWN

Yield per acre for peanuts is forecast at 2,800 pounds, down 110 pounds from last year's crop. Production, at 280 million pounds, is down 21% from 2001. The large decrease in production is due to the reduction of acreage devoted to peanuts in response to this year's Farm Bill, which was less favorable to peanuts than for other row crops. Harvested area is projected at 100,000 acres, an 18% decrease from 2001.

U.S. peanut production for 2002 is forecast at 4.11 billion pounds, down 4% from last year's crop, but 26% above 2000. Harvested area is expected to total 1.43 million acres, 1% above the June Acreage report and up 1% from 2001. Yields are expected to average 2,885 pounds per acre, 144 pounds below last year, but 441 pounds above 2000.

FARM PRICES INDEX NUMBERS

INDEX (1967 = 100)	July 15 2000[1]	July 15 2001[1]	June 15 2002[1]	July 15 2002
NORTH CAROLINA				
Prices Received: All Farm Products	253	258	242	242
All Crops	262	261	255	258
Tobacco	289	286	283	283
Oil Bearing	207	214	176	186
Grains	169	167	175	194
Commercial Vegetables	207	196	209	206
Fruits	305	318	318	318
Livestock and Livestock Products	237	252	218	215
Meat Animals	299	301	231	239
Poultry	207	218	217	207
Dairy	234	284	204	203
UNITED STATES				
Prices Received, All Farm Products	246	274	249	253
Prices Paid, Commodities & Services [2]	469	484	[4]	483
Parity Ratio [3]	53	57	[4]	52

[1] Revised. [2] Including Interest, Taxes and Farm Wage Rates. [3] Ratio of Index of Prices Received by Farmers to Index of Prices Paid. [4] Available quarterly following February 1986 Survey.

PRICES RECEIVED

COMMODITY	UNIT	NORTH CAROLINA			UNITED STATES		
		July 2001	June 2002	July 2002	July 2001	June 2002	July 2002
		Entire Month	*Entire Month*	*Mid Month*	*Entire Month*	*Entire Month*	*Mid Month*
		Dollars					
Corn	Bu.	2.30	2.40	2.68	1.87	1.97	2.07
Cotton	Lb.	-	.333	.407	.389	.349	.321
Soybeans	Bu.	4.58	5.16	5.61	4.79	4.88	5.50
Hogs, All	Cwt.	53.40	37.20	40.20	51.70	35.80	38.20
Com'l Broilers [1]	Lb.	-	-	-	.420	.330	.310
Turkeys [1 2]	Lb.	.390	-	-	.385	.369	.383
Eggs [2 3]	Doz.	.340	.405	.340	.354	.445	.381
Milk, All [1]	Cwt.	-	-	-	16.20	11.60	11.20
Potatoes	Cwt.	5.95	8.40	7.80	6.46	9.95	11.40
Apples, Com'l. [4]	Lb.	-	-	-	.152	.220	.206
Hay, All [2]	Ton	-	-	-	96.30	95.80	93.60

[1] North Carolina monthly estimates discontinued. [2] Mid month. [3] Market (Table) eggs including eggs sold retail by producers. [4] Entire month.

NORTH CAROLINA'S RANK IN U.S. AGRICULTURE, 2001

US	Item	Production		NC Percent of U.S. Production	Top Three States
1	**Total Tobacco**	**389**	**(Mil Lbs)**	**38.8**	**NC, KY, TN**
	Flue-Cured Tobacco	**376**	**(Mil Lbs)**	**65.0**	**NC, SC, GA**
	Sweetpotatoes	**5,580**	**(000 Cwt.)**	**38.9**	**NC, LA, MS**
2	Hogs & Pigs (12-1-01)	9.6	(Mil Hd)	16.3	IA, NC, MN
	Christmas Trees Cash Receipts [1]	$95	(Mil $)	20.0	OR, NC, MI
	Cucumbers for Pickles	86	(000 Tons)	14.6	MI, NC, FL
	Lima Beans	33	(000 Cwt)	16.3	GA, NC, SC
	Trout Sold	4,763	(000 Lbs)	8.0	ID, NC, WA
	Turkeys Raised	43	(Mil Hd)	15.8	MN, NC, AK
3	Turnip Greens	147	(000 Cwt)	13.1	GA, SC, NC
	Collard Greens	243	(000 Cwt)	14.5	GA, SC, NC
	Net Farm Income [1]	$3,113	(Mil $)	6.7	CA, TX, NC
	Poultry & Egg Products Cash Receipts	$2,458	(Mil $)	10.2	AK, GA, NC
4	Bell Peppers	788	(000 Cwt)	5.3	CA, FL, NJ
	Broilers [1]	712	(Mil Hd)	9.8	GA, AK, AL
	Burley Tobacco	12.6	(Mil Lbs)	3.6	KY, TN, VA
	Peanuts	369	(Mil Lbs)	8.7	GA, TX, AL
	Greenhouse & Nursery Cash Receipts [1]	$987	(Mil $)	8.0	CA, FL, TX
	Strawberries	196	(000 Cwt)	1.2	CA, FL, OR
5	Chile Peppers	72	(000 Cwt)	2.3	NM, CA, TX
	Cucumbers, Fresh Market	828	(000 Cwt)	7.6	FL, GA, MI
	Mustard Greens	91	(000 Cwt)	8.8	GA, CA, SC
	Snap Beans	342	(000 Cwt)	5.7	FL, GA, NY
6	Blueberries [3]	13,500	(000 Lbs)	6.9	MI, NJ, OR
	Cabbage	1,911	(000 Cwt)	7.3	NY, CA, TX
	Catfish Sold	4,226	(000 Lbs)	0.6	MS, AL, AR
	Cotton [2]	1,620	(000 Bales)	8.1	TX, CA, MS
	Eggplants	37	(000 Cwt)	2.4	CA, FL, GA
	Livestock, Dairy & Poultry Cash Receipts [1]	$4,275	(Mil $)	4.3	TX, CA, NE
7	All Commodities Cash Receipts [1]	$7,410	(Mil $)	3.8	CA, TX, IA
	Tomatoes	832	(000 Cwt)	2.3	FL, CA, OH
	Watermelons	1,473	(000 Cwt)	3.6	FL, CA, TX
8	Crop Cash Receipts	$3,135	(Mil $)	3.3	CA, FL, IL
	Squash	390	(000 Cwt)	5.0	CA, FL, MI
9	Apples [3]	105	(Mil Lbs)	1.2	WA, NY, MI
	Chickens (12-1-01), (Excludes Broilers)	18.1	(Mil Hd)	4.1	IA, OH, PA
10	Sweet Corn	861	(000 Cwt)	3.1	FL, NY, CA
12	Chicken Eggs	2,535	(Mil Eggs)	3.0	IA, OH, PA
	Pecans	3,200	(000 Lbs)	1.0	GA, TX, NM
13	Export Shares [1]	$1,182	(Mil $)	2.3	CA, IA, TX
	Peaches [3]	12	(Mil Lbs)	0.5	CA, GA, SC
14	Grapes [3]	2,000	(Tons)	<0.1	CA, WA, NY
15	Irish Potatoes	3,515	(000 Cwt)	0.8	ID, WA, WI
	Number of Farms	56	(000)	2.6	TX, MO, IA
	Soybeans	43	(Mil Bu)	1.5	IA, IL, IN
16	Sorghum For Grain	770	(000 Bu)	0.1	KS, TX, NE
18	Corn for Grain	78	(Mil Bu)	0.8	IA, IL, NE
19	Barley	1.2	(Mil Bu)	0.5	ND, ID, MT
	Oats	1.7	(Mil Bu)	1.4	ND, MN, WI
	Winter Wheat	18	(Mil Bu)	1.3	KS, OK, TX
30	Milk	1,164	(Mil Lbs)	0.7	CA, WI, NY
32	Cattle on Farms (1-1-02)	950	(000 Hd)	1.0	TX, KS, NE
35	Hay	1,578	(000 Tons)	1.0	TX, SD, CA

[1] Year 2000 references. [2] 480 lbs. bales. [3] Utilized production

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N. C. TURKEY NUMBERS RISE UNITED STATES DOWN

North Carolina, at 44.5 million birds, is expected to reclaim the number one national ranking in 2002 for the largest number of turkeys raised. This is an increase of 3% from a year ago. Minnesota ranks second with 44.0 million birds, the same as 2001. Arkansas is in third place by producing 29.0 million birds, 7% more than a year ago. Missouri growers expect to produce 24.0 million birds in 2002, unchanged from the previous year. Virginia, at 20.0 million birds, is down 17% from 2001. California expects to raise 17.7 million turkeys, 5% below a year earlier. These six States are expected to account for about two-thirds of the turkeys produced in the United States during 2002.

The preliminary estimate of turkeys raised in the United States during 2002, at 270 million, is down 1% from the number raised during 2001.

TURKEYS: NUMBER RAISED [1]

STATE	2001	2002	2002 as % of 2001
	Thousands		*Percent*
North Carolina	**43,000**	**44,500**	**103**
Arkansas	27,000	29,000	107
California	18,700	17,700	95
Minnesota	44,000	44,000	100
Missouri	24,000	24,000	100
Virginia	24,000	20,000	83
UNITED STATES	272,059	269,917	99

[1] *2001 Revised.*

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EGG PRODUCTION UP

North Carolina laying flocks produced 212 million eggs during July 2002, up 2% from a year earlier. Production consisted of 77 million table eggs and 135 million hatching eggs. Table eggs increased 5% while hatching eggs remained unchanged from a year ago. The average number of layers on hand during July was 11.0 million, up 1% from a year earlier. This number consisted of 3.3 million layers for table eggs and 7.7 million for broiler-type and egg-type hatching eggs.

U.S. egg production totaled 7.34 billion during July 2002, up 2% from the previous year. Production included 6.24 billion table eggs and 1.10 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.04 billion were broiler-type and 62.0 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during July 2002 averaged 335 million, up 1% from the average number of layers during July 2001. July egg production per 100 layers was 2,190 eggs, up 1% from the 2,166 eggs in July 2001.

All layers in the U.S. on August 1, 2002 totaled 336 million, up 1% from a year ago. The 336 million layers consisted of 276 million layers producing table or commercial type eggs, 56.5 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.67 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Daily rate of lay on August 1, 2002 averaged 70.3 eggs per 100 layers, up 1% from a year ago.

EGG PRODUCTION - JULY

STATE	LAYERS ON HAND		TOTAL EGGS PRODUCED		TABLE EGGS		HATCHING EGGS	
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002
	Thousands		*Million Eggs*					
North Carolina	**10,930**	**11,029**	**208**	**212**	**73**	**77**	**135**	**135**
Alabama	10,632	9,972	203	187	61	45	142	142
Florida	10,645	10,312	227	220	212	208	15	12
Georgia	20,458	20,124	416	397	240	216	176	181
South Carolina	5,697	5,298	123	115	104	96	19	19
UNITED STATES	332,231	335,269	7,195	7,341	6,097	6,237	1,098	1,104

EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED DOWN

Nationally, egg-type chicks hatched during July 2002 totaled 35.2 million, down 9% from July 2001. Eggs in incubators totaled 33.2 million on August 1, 2002, up 11% from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 282,000 during July 2002, down 17% from July 2001.

CHICKS HATCHED - JULY

STATE	EGG-TYPE		
	2001	2002	2002 as % of 2001
	Thousands		*Percent*
Arkansas	804	834	104
Florida	894	536	60
Georgia	2,266	2,194	97
Indiana	6,101	4,840	79
Iowa	5,218	5,235	100
Minnesota	1,780	1,416	80
Pennsylvania	5,227	3,815	73
Other States [1]	16,350	16,348	100
UNITED STATES	38,640	35,218	91

[1] Not published separately to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

BROILER HATCH UP

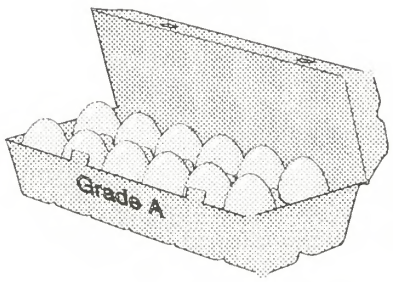
North Carolina commercial hatcheries produced 67 million broiler-type chicks during July 2002, up 3% from a year ago.

Nationally, the July 2002 hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 781 million, was up 2% from the previous year. There were 645 million eggs in incubators on August 1, 2002, up 1% from a year earlier. Leading breeders placed 6.6 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during July 2002, up 4% from July 2001.

CHICKS HATCHED - JULY

STATE	BROILER-TYPE		
	2001	2002	2002 as % of 2001
	Thousands		*Percent*
North Carolina	**64,974**	**67,027**	**103**
Alabama	106,523	106,051	100
Arkansas	110,285	110,953	101
Delaware	12,271	12,567	102
Florida	8,684	8,679	100
Georgia	113,844	117,389	103
Kentucky	23,130	24,087	104
Maryland	35,081	35,482	101
Mississippi	69,024	70,081	102
Oklahoma	22,364	24,427	109
Pennsylvania	13,604	13,361	98
South Carolina	17,244	16,751	97
Texas	53,816	55,363	103
Virginia	24,570	22,914	93
California, Louisiana, Missouri, Tennessee & West Virginia	72,554	74,523	103
19 STATES [1]	747,968	759,655	102
Other States [2]	21,481	21,766	101
UNITED STATES	769,449	781,421	102

[1] States in the weekly hatchery production estimating program are those listed above. [2] Not published separately to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.



CHICKEN EGGS IN INCUBATORS - AUGUST 1

GEOGRAPHIC DIVISION	BROILER-TYPE			EGG-TYPE		
	2001	2002	2002 as % of 2001	2001	2002	2002 as % of 2001
	Thousands		*Percent*	*Thousands*		*Percent*
South Atlantic	**236,564**	**239,095**	**101**	**3,943**	**3,916**	**99**
North Atlantic	12,629	12,463	99	5,324	4,753	89
East North Central	7,430	7,600	102	5,525	6,924	125
West North Central	20,566	20,428	99	6,646	7,818	118
South Central	335,849	342,259	102	5,455	5,195	95
West	24,915	23,241	93	3,102	4,577	148
UNITED STATES	637,953	645,086	101	29,995	33,183	111

TURKEY EGGS UP, PLACEMENTS DOWN

Nationally, turkey eggs in incubators on August 1, 2002, totaled 32.1 million, up 1% from a year ago. Eggs in incubators were down 1% from the July 1 total of 32.4 million. The 25.7 million poults placed during July 2002 in the United States were down 5% from the number placed during the same month a year ago. Placements were up 5% from the June 2002 total of 24.4 million. Regional placement percent changes from the previous year were: N & S Atlantic, down 11%; E N Central, up 10%; W N Central, up 1%; S Central, down 6%; and West, down 20%.

TURKEY HATCHERY - AUGUST 1

GEOGRAPHIC DIVISION	Eggs in Incubators August 1			Poults Placed During July [1]		
	2001	2002	2002 as % of 2001	2001	2002	2002 as % of 2001
	Thousands		*Percent*	*Thousands*		*Percent*
North & South Atlantic	**10,256**	**9,394**	**92**	**8,743**	**7,744**	**89**
East North Central	4,818	5,116	106	3,599	3,942	110
West North Central	10,741	11,537	107	8,956	9,016	101
South Central	3,041	3,053	100	2,427	2,281	94
West	2,916	3,038	104	3,339	2,683	80
UNITED STATES	31,772	32,138	101	27,064	25,666	95

[1] Regional placements refer to poults placed from hatcheries located in that region, and not the actual location of the birds after placement.

HIRED WORKERS DOWN

During the survey week of July 7-13, 2002, farms in the Appalachian I Region (North Carolina and Virginia) hired 60,000 workers. This is down from 62,000 hired in July of 2001, but seasonally up from the 36,000 estimated working in April 2002. The average wage rate for the Appalachian I region was $8.32, up $0.53 from July 2001.

There were 1.21 million hired workers on the Nation's farms and ranches during the week of July 7-13, down 12 % from a year ago. There were 966,000 workers hired directly by farm operators. This compares with 1,039,000 workers hired directly by farm operators during the July 2001 survey week. Agricultural service employees on farms and ranches made up the remaining 240,000 workers in July 2002. Nationally, farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of $8.60 per hour during the July 2002 survey week, up $0.31 from July 2001.

WAGE RATES FOR HIRED WORKERS [1], July 7-13, 2002 WITH COMPARISONS [2]

Region [3]	Type of Work						Number of Hired Workers	
	Field		Livestock		All Hired [4]			
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002
	Dollars Per Hour						(000)	
Appalachian I	7.22	7.61	7.89	7.91	7.79	8.32	62	60
Appalachian II	6.77	7.22	7.34	7.64	7.29	7.75	39	32
Southeast	7.19	7.11	7.50	8.90	7.69	8.01	32	34
United States [5]	7.70	7.91	7.89	8.37	8.29	8.60	1039	966

[1] Excludes agricultural service workers [2] Survey period in 2001 was July 8-14 [3] Appalachian I: NC, VA; Appalachian II: KY, TN, WV; Southeast: AL, GA, SC [4] All Hired Workers includes supervisory and other workers. Piece rates not included [5] Excludes Alaska

U.S. INTENDED PLACEMENTS: EGG-TYPE PULLET CHICKS FOR HATCHERY SUPPLY FLOCKS 2000-2002[1]

MONTH	PULLET CHICKS HATCHED			2002 as % of	CUM. PLAC. RELATIVE TO CUR. SUPPLY FLOCKS 7-18 Months Earlier [2]		
	2000	2001	2002	2001	2000	2001	2002
	Thousands			Percent	Thousands		
January	212	236	228	97	3,129	3,158	2,974
February	251	214	247	115	3,191	3,205	2,916
March	286	284	237	83	3,090	3,239	
April	309	311	295	95	3,096	3,225	
May	343	315	319	101	3,057	3,134	
June	235	261	221	85	3,103	3,087	
July	293	340	282	83	3,173	3,048	
August	217	251			3,197	3,040	
September	233	219			3,160	3,073	
October	241	150			3,158	3,026	
November	308	261			3,160	3,010	
December	245	206			3,132	3,014	
TOTAL	3,173	3,048					

[1] Reported by leading breeders. Coverage may not be 100 percent. Includes expected pullet chicks from eggs sold during the preceding month at the rate of 125 pullet chicks per 30 dozen case of eggs. [2] For July 2002, includes breeder pullet chicks hatched January 2001 through December 2001. The 7-18 months represent the first laying cycle. Molting and additional laying cycles will increase the cumulative potential placements.

CATTLE ON FEED DOWN

Nationally, cattle and calves on feed August 1, 2002 in feedlots of 1,000 or more head for slaughter totaled 10.1 million head, down 7% from August 1, 2001 and % below August 1, 2000.

Placements in feedlots during July totaled 1.84 million, down % from a year ago and 4% below two years ago. Net placements were 1.80 million. During July, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 369,000, 600-699 pounds were 65,000, 700-799 pounds were 591,000, 00 pounds and over were 515,000 ead.

Marketings of fed cattle during July 2002 totaled 2.19 million, 7% above a year ago and % above two years ago. Other disappearance totaled 45,000 during uly, down 24% from the previous year, but 2% above two years go.

CATTLE ON FEED: NUMBER ON FEED, 1,000 + Capacity Feedlots [1]

STATE	AUGUST 1, 2001	JULY 1, 2002	AUGUST 1, 2002	
			NUMBER	2002 as % of 2001
	1,000 Head			Percent
Arizona	297	291	285	96
California	475	485	485	102
Colorado	1,060	1,030	990	93
Idaho	310	300	285	92
Iowa	325	350	320	98
Kansas	2,420	2,160	2,140	88
Nebraska	1,810	1,890	1,790	99
New Mexico	101	101	109	108
Oklahoma	390	325	310	79
S Dakota	154	175	160	104
Texas	3,000	2,850	2,740	91
Washington	229	180	165	72
Other States	320	350	310	97
UNITED STATES	10,891	10,487	10,089	93

[1] Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

RED MEAT PRODUCTION UP

Commercial red meat production in **North Carolina** during July 2002 totaled 164 million pounds dress weight, up 10% from a year earlier. Commercial red meat production includes slaughter in federally inspected and other plants but excludes animals slaughtered on farms. Commercial slaughter of livestock in North Carolina during July 2002 totaled 223 million pounds live weight, up 10% from a year earlier. Cattle slaughter, at 16 million pounds, was 10% above a year earlier. Calf slaughter, at 52,000 pounds live weight, was down 30% from the previous year. Hog slaughter, at 207 million pounds live weight, was up 10% from a year earlier. Sheep and lamb slaughter, at 4,000 pounds live weight, was down 33% from the previous year. The average live weight per head was: cattle, 1,056 pounds; calves, 394 pounds; hogs, 249 pounds; sheep and lambs, 80 pounds.

Nationally, commercial red meat production for the United States during July 2002 totaled 4.02 billion pounds dress weight, up 10% from July 2001 and a new record high for July. **Beef production** in the U.S. totaled 2.43 billion pounds dress weight, up 11% from the previous year and a new record high for July. Cattle slaughter totaled 3.19 million head, up 8% from a year earlier. The average live weight increased 32 pounds to 1,248. **Veal production** totaled 16.7 million pounds dress weight, up 6% from the previous year. Calf slaughter totaled 95,700 head, up 15% from July 2001. The average live weight decreased 22 pounds to 290. **Pork production** totaled 1.56 billion pounds dress weight, up 8% from a year earlier and a new record high for July. Hog kill totaled 8.07 million head, up 8% from July 2001. The average live weight was unchanged at 260 pounds. **Lamb and mutton production**, at 16.3 million pounds dress weight, was down 4% from the previous year. Sheep slaughter totaled 257,600 head, up 6% from a year earlier. The average live weight decreased 13 pounds to 127.

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER - JULY

SPECIES	NORTH CAROLINA				UNITED STATES					
	Number Slaughtered [1]		Total Live Weight		Number Slaughtered [1]		Total Live Weight		Total Dressed Weight [2]	
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002
	Thous. Head		*Thous. Pounds*		*Million Head*		*Million Pounds*		*Million Pounds*	
Cattle	13.7	15.2	14,507	16,002	2.9	3.2	3,577	3,978	2,177	2,426
Calves	0.2	0.1	74	52	0.1	0.1	26	28	16	17
Sheep & Lambs	0.1	0.1	6.0	4.0	2.0	0.3	34	33	17	16
Hogs	758.4	831.6	188,655	206,779	7.4	8.1	1,937	2,102	1,435	1,557
TOTAL	772.4	847.0	203,242	222,837	12.4	11.7	5,574	6,141	3,645	4,016

[1] Includes slaughter under Federal inspection and other commercial slaughter, excludes farm slaughter.
[2] Totals may not equal sum due to rounding.

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RAINS TOO LATE FOR MOST CROPS

Hot temperatures and continued drought conditions dominated most of August, but gave way to heavy precipitation the last full week of the month. The rains were a welcomed ground-soaking event, but too late for most of the State's crops as production estimates decreased dramatically. As September began, flue-cured tobacco harvest was over half complete. Corn was three-fourths mature, and harvest will be in full swing by mid-month. Cotton and peanut yield prospects suffered as evidenced by significant reductions in yield estimates. Some of the late soybeans may get a yield boost from the moisture, but statewide, the forecast is for a diminished crop.

FLUE-CURED TOBACCO PRODUCTION DOWN

Flue-cured tobacco production in North Carolina is forecast at 344.5 million pounds, 8% below the 376.2 million pounds produced in 2001 and 3% below the previous month's estimate. The tobacco crop suffered from the continued persistent drought, and when the rains finally came, it was too late for non-irrigated fields. Harvested area remains at 163,000 acres, up 5% from last year. Overall yield is forecast at 2,113 pounds, down 59 pounds from last month and 314 pounds below last year.

U.S. flue-cured production is expected to total 522 million pounds, down 2% from last month's forecast and 10% below a year ago. Yield is expected to average 2,098 pounds per acre, 334 pounds less than the 2001 yield and 46 pounds below the August forecast. Flue-cured growers plan to harvest 248,800 acres, 4% above last year's acreage. Flue-cured tobacco accounts for 57% of the total tobacco acreage in the U.S.

FLUE-CURED TOBACCO: BY TYPE, SEPTEMBER 1, 2002

STATE	TYPE	ACRES HARVESTED			YIELD PER ACRE			PRODUCTION		
		2000	2001	Indicated 2002	2000	2001	Indicated 2002	2000	2001	Indicated 2002
		Thousands			*Pounds*			*Thousand Pounds*		
NC	**11**	**40.0**	**42.0**	**44.0**	**2,500**	**2,500**	**2,150**	**100,000**	**105,000**	**94,600**
NC	**12**	**102.0**	**93.0**	**95.0**	**2,405**	**2,400**	**2,100**	**245,310**	**223,200**	**199,500**
NC	**13**	**21.0**	**20.0**	**24.0**	**2,350**	**2,400**	**2,100**	**49,350**	**48,000**	**50,400**
NC	**11-13**	**163.0**	**155.0**	**163.0**	**2,421**	**2,427**	**2,113**	**394,660**	**376,200**	**344,500**
VA	11	17.5	20.5	22.0	2,440	2,370	2,300	42,700	48,585	50,600
SC	13	34.0	32.0	31.0	2,390	2,450	1,900	81,260	78,400	58,900
GA	14	31.0	26.1	28.0	2,220	2,460	1,950	68,820	64,206	54,600
FL	14	4.5	4.5	4.8	2,550	2,600	2,800	11,475	11,700	13,440
US	11-14	250.0	238.1	248.8	2,396	2,432	2,098	598,915	579,091	522,040

BURLEY TOBACCO YIELDS DOWN

The State's burley tobacco production is forecast at 9.1 million pounds, down 12% from last month's forecast and 15% below last year's crop. The dry conditions plus early season freezes severely decreased the potential of the burley crop. Yield is forecast at 1,400 pounds, 200 pounds below last month and last year. Harvested acres remain at 6,500, no change from last month, but 200 acres less than last year.

U.S. burley production is expected to total 305 million pounds, 7% below the August 1 forecast and 9% less than last year. Yield is expected to average 1,888 pounds per acre, 134 pounds below the August forecast and down 145 pounds from the average yield for 2001. Burley tobacco growers expect to harvest 161,500 acres, 2% below a year ago.

COTTON PRODUCTION DOWN

North Carolina cotton production, at 1,350,000 bales, is down 150,000 bales from last month's forecast and 19% below last year's record output. Lower yields are responsible for the decrease in production as harvested area increased 10,000 acres from last year. Average yield, at 665 pounds per acre, dropped 73 pounds from August 1 and an amazing 167 pounds from 2001. Crop conditions deteriorated throughout August while the crop was in a critical stage of development. Presently, bolls are opening with harvest activities beginning soon.

All U.S. cotton production is forecast at 18.1 million bales, down 2% from last month and 11% from a year ago. Yield is expected to average 675 pounds per acre, unchanged from last month and 30 pounds below last year. Expected harvested acres at 12.9 million is down from last month and last year.

NORTH CAROLINA CROPS: ACRES, YIELD AND PRODUCTION, SEPTEMBER 1, 2002

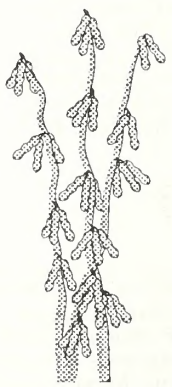
CROPS	UNIT	NORTH CAROLINA					
		ACRES HARVESTED		YIELD		PRODUCTION	
		2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002
		Thousands				*Thousands*	
Corn, grain	Bu.	625	660	125	72	78,125	47,520
Cotton, Upland [1]	Lb.	965	975	832	665	1,673	1,350
Hay, Other [2]	Ton	690	730	2.20	1.80	1,518	1,314
Irish Potatoes [2]	Cwt.	18.5	17.5	190	195	3,515	3,413
Peanuts	Lb.	122.5	100.0	2,910	2,300	356,475	230,000
Soybeans	Bu.	1,350	1,290	32	24	43,200	30,960
Tobacco:							
Flue-cured	Lb.	155	163	2,427	2,113	376,200	344,500
Type 11	Lb.	42	44	2,500	2,150	105,000	94,600
Type 12	Lb.	93	95	2,400	2,100	223,200	199,500
Type 13	Lb.	20	24	2,400	2,100	48,000	50,400
Burley	Lb.	6.7	6.5	1,600	1,400	10,720	9,100
All	Lb.	161.7	169.5	2,393	2,086	386,920	353,600
Wheat, Winter [2]	Bu.	470	480	39	44	18,330	21,120
FRUIT:		*Actual Acres*					
Apples [2 3]	Lb.	8,000	[4]	15,000	[4]	120,000	160,000
Grapes [2 3]	Ton	700	[4]	2.9	[4]	2.0	2.7
Peaches [2 3]	Lb.	1,200	[4]	10,000	[4]	12,000	20,000
		UNITED STATES					
		Thousands				*Millions*	
Corn, grain	Bu.	68,808	70,541	138.2	125.4	9,506.8	8,848.5
Cotton, All [1]	Lb.	13,828	12,891	705	675	20.3	18.1
Hay: Alfalfa [2 5]	Ton	23,812	24,134	3.37	3.09	80.3	74.6
Other [2]	Ton	39,699	40,575	1.93	1.92	76.4	78.0
All [2]	Ton	63,511	64,709	2.47	2.36	156.7	152.6
Peanuts	Lb.	1,412	1,361	3,029	2,808	4,276.7	3,821.0
Small Grain:							
Barley for Grain [2]	Bu.	4,289	4,499	58.2	59.0	249.6	251.7
Oats for Grain [2]	Bu.	1,905	2,633	61.3	56.1	116.9	142.6
Wheat, Winter [2]	Bu.	31,295	29,764	43.5	39.6	1,361.5	1,158.7
Sorghum, grain	Bu.	8,584	7,548	59.9	51.0	514.5	384.3
Soybeans	Bu.	73,000	71,799	39.6	37.0	2,890.6	2,655.8
Tobacco:							
Flue-cured	Lb.	238.1	248.8	2,432	2,098	579.1	522.0
Burley	Lb.	164.3	161.5	2,033	1,888	334.1	304.9
All	Lb.	432.4	435.5	2,293	2,037	991.5	887.0
FRUIT:							
Apples [2 3]	Lb.	430.2	[4]	22,400	[4]	9,629.1	9,205.6
Grapes [2 3]	Ton	930.4	[4]	7.04	[4]	6.6	7.1
Peaches [2 3]	Lb.	151.5	[4]	16,100	[4]	2,441.4	2,531.7

[1] Production in 480-lb bales. [2] Estimate carried forward from earlier forecast. [3] Total production. [4] Released January, 2003. [5] Includes alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures.

SOYBEAN PRODUCTION DOWN

Drought conditions took their toll on the State's soybeans as well as other crops. The crop is estimated at just under 31 million bushels, down 28% from last year. The dramatic reduction is due to lower forecasts for both harvested acres and yield. Yield, estimated at 24 bushels per acre, is two bushels below last month and 8 bushels below last year. Likewise, harvested acres, at 1.29 million, is down 30,000 from August and down 60,000 from 2001.

U.S. soybean production is forecast at 2.66 billion bushels, up 1% from the August 1 forecast, but reduced 8% from last year. Yield is forecast at 37 bushels per acre, five-tenths of a bushel above last month. Anticipated area for harvest is forecast at 71.8 down slightly from August and 2% below last year.



CORN YIELDS DOWN

Corn has suffered more than any other crop in the state from the chronic dry weather. The crop remained stressed throughout August, and as a result, yield slipped even farther from the record set last year. Yield is forecast at 72 bushels per acre, down 4 bushels from the August forecast and down an unbelievable 53 bushels from last year. Production is expected to total 47.5 million bushels, 39% less than 2001. Harvested area, at 660,000 acres, is down 20,000 acres from a month ago due to increased abandonment.

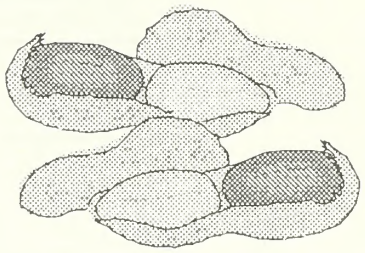
U.S. corn production is forecast at 8.85 billion bushels, down less than 1% from last month and down 7% from last year. Based on conditions as of September 1, yield is expected to average 125.4 bushels per acre, up two-tenths of a bushel from August, but down 12.8 bushels from 2001. If realized, production and yield would be the lowest since 1995. Acres harvested and to be harvested for grain are estimated at 70.5 million, down 460,000 acres from last month.

PEANUT STOCKS UP

Peanut stocks in commercial storage July 31, 2002 in the United States were up 35% from last year and totaled 1.48 billion pounds of equivalent farmer stock, compared to 1.10 billion pounds last year. This total includes 484 million pounds of actual farmer stock.

Shelled peanuts on hand totaled 928 million pounds of farmer stock equivalent. Roasting stock totaled 65.1 million pounds. There were no Commodity Credit Corporation uncommitted stocks on hand as of July 31, 2002.

Shelled peanut stocks totaled 697 million pounds of which 681 million pounds were edible grades and 16.6 million pounds were oil stocks. Edible grade stocks by type were 144 million pounds of Virginias, 491 million pounds of Runners, and 45.8 million pounds of Spanish.



PEANUT PROSPECTS DROP

Peanut growers in North Carolina are faced with lower yields on fewer acres. The Farm Bill passed earlier this year led to a significant drop in acres devoted to peanuts. The drought curtailed yields to the lowest level since 1993 when the average yield was only 2,095 pounds. Currently, yield for peanuts is forecast at 2,300 pounds per acre, 500 pounds below last month and 610 pounds less than last year. Production on September 1 is forecast at 230 million pounds, down a stunning 35% from 2001 and 18% below the previous month's forecast. The decline in production is a result of the drought and 22,500 fewer acres for harvest. This is an 18% drop in acres from 2001, but no change from the previous month.

U.S. peanut production is forecast at 3.82 billion pounds, down 7% from August 1 and down 11% from last year's crop. Yields are expected to average 2,808 pounds per harvested acre, 77 pounds below the August estimate and down 221 pounds from 2001. Harvested area, at 1.36 million acres, is down 5% from the August report and down 4% from 2001.

Production in the Southeastern States (Alabama, Florida, Georgia, and South Carolina) is expected to total 2.32 billion pounds, down 4% from last month and 8% below the 2001 crop. Yield for the 4-State area is expected to average 2,832 pounds per acre, 3 pounds below last month and 303 pounds below last year.

Virginia-North Carolina production is forecast at 375 million pounds, 16% below last month and 37% less than 2001. Yield for the region is forecast at 2,373 pounds, down 464 pounds from August and down 621 pounds from the 2001 final yield.

FARM PRICES INDEX NUMBERS

INDEX (1967 = 100)	August 15 2000[1]	August 15 2001[1]	July 15 2002[1]	August 15 2002
NORTH CAROLINA				
Prices Received: All Farm Products	241	253	246	241
All Crops	242	252	263	257
Tobacco	261	275	289	280
Oil Bearing	209	214	190	190
Grains	151	156	194	205
Commercial Vegetables	220	196	206	206
Fruits	305	318	318	318
Livestock and Livestock Products	239	255	217	212
Meat Animals	279	298	240	220
Poultry	218	222	207	209
Dairy	239	290	209	208
UNITED STATES				
Prices Received, All Farm Products	246	280	254	257
Prices Paid, Commodities & Services [2]	[4]	[4]	484	[4]
Parity Ratio [3]	[4]	[4]	52	[4]

[1] Revised. [2] Including Interest, Taxes and Farm Wage Rates. [3] Ratio of Index of Prices Received by Farmers to Index of Prices Paid. [4] Available quarterly following February 1986 Survey.

NORTH CAROLINA PRICES RECEIVED INDEX

The August 2002 "All Farm Products" index of prices received by North Carolina farmers, at 241% of its 1967 base, was down 5 points from a month earlier. Contributing most to the decrease were lower prices for tobacco and hogs. The index was 12 points below a year earlier.

The August 2002 "All Crops" index, at 257, was down 6 points from the previous month, but was 5 points above a year earlier. The "Livestock and Livestock Products" index for August 2002, at 212, was down 5 points from the previous month and was 43 points below the previous year.

The meat animals index for August 2002, at 220, was down 20 points from the previous month and was 78 points below a year ago. The poultry index, at 209, was up 2 points from the previous month, but was 13 points below a year earlier. The dairy index, at 208, was down 1 point from a month earlier and was 82 points below a year ago.

PRICES RECEIVED FOR SELECTED COMMODITIES

The average price received for tobacco by North Carolina farmers in August 2002 was $1.835 per pound, down 6 cents from the previous month, but 3 cents above a year ago. The August corn price, at $2.83 per bushel, was up 15 cents from the previous month and was 69 cents above the previous year. Cotton, at 45.9 cents per pound, was up 2 cents from the previous month. The August soybean price, at $5.80 per bushel, was up 1 cent from the previous month and was 76 cents above a year earlier.

Prices received for all hogs in August, at $34.20 per hundredweight, were down $5.90 from July and were $16.60 below a year ago. The average price for table eggs, at 40 cents per dozen, was up 6 cents from both a month ago and the previous year due to a seasonal increase in demand.

PRICES RECEIVED

COMMODITY	UNIT	NORTH CAROLINA			UNITED STATES		
		August 2001	July 2002	August 2002	August 2001	July 2002	August 2002
		Entire Month	*Entire Month*	*Mid Month*	*Entire Month*	*Entire Month*	*Mid Month*
				Dollars			
Tobacco, All [1]	Lb.	1.805	1.895	1.835	1.810	1.860	1.835
Corn	Bu.	2.14	2.68	2.83	1.90	2.13	2.48
Cotton	Lb.	-	.439	.459	.360	.376	.315
Soybeans	Bu.	5.04	5.79	5.80	4.85	5.35	5.65
Hogs, All	Cwt.	50.80	40.10	34.20	50.80	39.20	34.20
Com'l Broilers [2]	Lb.	-	-	-	.420	.310	.290
Turkeys [2 3]	Lb.	.390	-	-	.387	.383	.379
Eggs [3 4]	Doz.	.340	.340	.400	.388	.381	.439
Milk, All [2]	Cwt.	-	-	-	16.50	11.20	11.20
Potatoes	Cwt.	-	7.80	-	7.61	10.80	8.64
Apples, Com'l. [1]	Lb.	-	-	-	.173	.206	.245
Hay, All [3]	Ton	-	-	-	97.40	93.60	93.70

[1] Entire month. [2] North Carolina monthly estimates discontinued. [3] Mid month. [4] Market (Table) eggs including eggs sold retail by producers.

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HOG INVENTORY UP

All hogs and pigs on **North Carolina** farms on September 1, 2002 totaled 10.1 million head, 2% above last year. Market hogs, at 9.1 million head, are up 2% from last year, while breeding stock, at 1.0 million head, remains unchanged from a year ago. North Carolina ranks 2nd nationally in the total number of hogs and pigs behind Iowa's 15.4 million head. Minnesota is a distant 3rd with 6.1 million head inventory.

The State's pig crop during the June - August 2002 period totaled 5,023,000 head, up slightly from the same months last year. These pigs were produced by 555,000 sows, up 1% from last year. Pigs saved per litter averaged 9.05, compared to last year's 9.10 litter size.

North Carolina producers intend to farrow 555,000 sows each of the next two quarters, September - November 2002 and December 2002 - February 2003. If these intentions materialize, farrowings will be 4% above the same six month period the previous year.

United States inventory of hogs and pigs on September 1, 2002 was estimated at 60.2 million head, up 1% from a year earlier and slightly above June 1, 2002. Breeding inventory, at 6.05 million head, was down 2% from a year earlier and from the previous quarter. Market hogs totaled 54.2 million head, 1% above last year and slightly above last quarter.

The March - August 2002 pig crop, at 51.0 million head, was down fractionally from last year. Pigs saved per litter from the same period averaged 8.84, compared with 8.88 last year. Producers intend to have 5.6 million sows farrowing during the September 2002 - February 2003 period, down 2% from the actual farrowings during the same period last year. The total number of hogs under contract, owned by operations with over 5,000 head total inventory, but raised by contractees, accounted for 35% of the total U.S. hog inventory, unchanged from last year.

HOGS AND PIGS - SEPTEMBER 1, 2002
Number on Farms, Sows Farrowing and Pig Crop

ITEM	NORTH CAROLINA			UNITED STATES		
	2001	2002	2002 as % of 2001	2001	2002	2002 as % of 2001
	Thousand Head		*Percent*	*Thousand Head*		*Percent*
NUMBER ON FARMS SEPT 1:						
All Hogs and Pigs	9,900	10,100	102	59,777	60,220	101
Kept for breeding	1,000	1,000	100	6,158	6,054	98
Market	8,900	9,100	102	53,619	54,165	101
Market Hogs and Pigs By Weight Groups:						
Under 60 Lbs.	3,500	3,550	101	19,911	19,684	99
60-119 Lbs.	2,200	2,250	102	13,438	13,409	100
120-179 Lbs.	1,800	1,800	100	10,854	11,146	103
180 Lbs. and Over	1,400	1,500	107	9,417	9,926	105
NUMBER ON FARMS JUNE 1:						
All Hogs and Pigs	9,700	9,900	102	58,603	60,188	103
Kept for breeding	1,000	1,000	100	6,186	6,209	100
Market	8,700	8,900	102	52,417	53,978	103
SOWS FARROWING:						
March-May	540	550	102	2,870	2,933	102
June-August	550	555	101	2,878	2,834	98
September-November	530	555 [2]	105	2,889	2,818 [2]	98
PIG CROP:						
March-May	4,860	4,950	102	25,509	25,851	101
June-August	5,005	5,023	100	25,539	25,128	98
	Number			*Number*		
PIGS PER LITTER:						
March-May	9.00	9.00	100	8.89	8.81	99
June-August	9.10	9.05	99	8.87	8.87	100
	2002	2003	2003 as % of 2002	2002	2003	2003 as % of 2002
	Thousand Head		*Percent*	*Thousand Head*		*Percent*
SOWS FARROWING:						
December[1]-February	540	555 [2]	103	2,837	2,806 [2]	99

[1] *December preceding year.* [2] *Intentions.*

EGG PRODUCTION - AUGUST

STATE	LAYERS ON HAND		TOTAL EGGS PRODUCED		TABLE EGGS		HATCHING EGGS	
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002
	Thousands				*Million Eggs*			
North Carolina	**11,065**	**11,001**	**214**	**212**	**76**	**81**	**138**	**131**
Alabama	10,455	10,023	202	189	62	48	140	141
Florida	10,824	10,508	231	228	217	215	14	13
Georgia	20,511	20,005	426	408	252	230	174	178
South Carolina	5,772	5,359	124	113	105	95	19	18
UNITED STATES	332,800	336,024	7,221	7,354	6,138	6,261	1,083	1,093

N.C. SMALL GRAIN PRODUCTION UP UNITED STATES DOWN SHARPLY

North Carolina's 2002 wheat production rose to 20.2 million bushels, 10% above the previous year. Yield improved to 42 bushels per acre compared with 39 bushels per acre in 2001 when the crop suffered from extensive weather damage that caused increased abandonment and lower yields. With reduced abandonment, this year's harvested acreage increased 10,000 to 480,000 acres. The 2002 U.S. all wheat production fell to it's lowest level since 1972 and is estimated at 1.62 billion bushels. This represents a 17% decline from 2001 and is caused by the reduction in both acreage and yield. The national average yield fell 4.9 bushels to 35.3 bushels per acre.

North Carolina's average yield for oats increased to 57 bushels, 1 bushel above 2001. With the concurrent increase in harvested acres to 35,000, production rose 19% to 2.0 million bushels. U.S. oat production for the 2002 crop year is estimated at 119 million bushels, 2% above 2001. The estimated yield, at 56.8 bushels per acre, is 4.6 bushels below last year.

The State's barley yield rose 2 bushels from last year to 69 bushels per acre as production increased 14% to 1.38 million bushels. This year's harvested area rose 2,000 to 20,000 acres. U.S. barley production in 2002 is estimated at 227 million bushels, down 9% from last year. Average yield per acre, at 54.9 bushels, is down 3.3 bushels from 2001.

STATE'S CORN STOCKS DOWN WHEAT STEADY

North Carolina old corn stocks in all positions on September 1, 2002 are estimated at 7.7 million bushels, a decrease of 1.1 million bushels from a year ago. Off-farm stocks are down 1,563,000 bushels from a year ago to 5.1 million bushels. On-farm stocks are up 21% from a year ago to 2.6 million bushels.

All wheat stocks in North Carolina are nearly the same as last year at 11 million bushels. Off-farm wheat stocks, at 9.1 million bushels, are up 1% from a year ago, while on-farm stocks are down 5% to 1.9 million bushels.

GRAIN STOCKS, SEPTEMBER 1, 2002, WITH COMPARISONS

YEAR	STOCKS ON FARMS				STOCKS IN OFF-FARM POSITIONS [1]				TOTAL STOCKS ALL POSITIONS			
	March 1	June 1	**Sept. 1**	Dec. 1	March 1	June 1	**Sept. 1**	Dec. 1	March 1	June 1	**Sept. 1**	Dec.
						Thousand Bushels						
NORTH CAROLINA												
CORN:												
2000	10,000	3,800	1,400	26,000	12,663	7,399	6,355	22,934	22,663	11,199	7,755	48,9
2001	16,000	7,800	2,150	22,500	20,280	10,939	6,621	23,329	36,280	18,739	8,771	45,8
2002	14,000	7,100	**2,600**		20,095	10,716	**5,058**		34,095	17,816	**7,658**	
SOYBEANS:												
2000	*	*	*	*	11,494	6,670	*	15,821	*	*	*	
2001	*	*	*	*	11,923	6,598	3,983	15,526	*	*	*	
2002	*	*	*		9,701	5,135	*		*	*	*	
WHEAT:												
2000	700	245	3,000	1,300	3,409	3,764	10,993	8,403	4,109	4,009	13,993	9,7
2001	600	190	2,000	1,600	7,321	3,231	9,003	5,882	7,921	3,421	11,003	7,4
2002	200	70	**1,900**		4,722	1,439	**9,085**		4,922	1,509	**10,985**	
UNITED STATES												
CORN:												
2000	3,300,000	2,029,800	793,000	5,550,000	2,301,895	1,556,138	924,549	2,979,634	5,601,895	3,585,938	1,717,549	8,529,6
2001	3,600,000	2,230,800	753,150	5,275,000	2,442,999	1,693,158	1,145,958	2,989,715	6,042,999	3,923,958	1,899,108	8,264,7
2002	3,355,000	2,020,600	**586,800**		2,440,261	1,576,290 [2]	**1,012,620**		5,795,261	3,596,890 [2]	**1,599,420**	
SOYBEANS:												
2000	730,000	370,000	112,500	1,217,000	665,986	404,425	177,662	1,022,991	1,395,986	774,425	290,162	2,239,9
2001	780,000	365,000	83,500	1,240,000	623,908	343,180	164,247	1,035,618	1,403,908	708,180	247,747	2,275,6
2002	687,000	301,200	**62,700**		648,987	383,721 [2]	**145,487**		1,335,987	684,921 [2]	**208,187**	
WHEAT:												
2000	424,680	226,780	808,390	623,420	991,841	722,968	1,544,280	1,182,705	1,416,521	949,748	2,352,670	1,806,1
2001	384,750	197,270	696,850	517,890	953,648	678,912	1,458,964	1,105,565	1,338,398	876,182	2,155,814	1,623,4
2002	338,500	216,830 [2]	**588,200**		871,268	560,282 [2]	**1,151,952**		1,209,768	777,112 [2]	**1,740,152**	
SORGHUM:												
2000	51,700	27,300	12,200	74,300	173,932	99,606	53,175	187,681	225,632	126,906	65,375	261,9
2001	40,100	19,000	8,900	72,400	127,027	57,411	32,851	241,477	167,127	76,411	41,751	313,8
2002	38,100	17,300	**7,400**		156,007	88,178 [2]	**51,975**		194,107	105,478 [2]	**59,375**	

*[1] Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals and processors. [2] Revised. * Data no longer published, figures inclued in U.S. tota*

TURKEY EGGS AND POULTS DOWN

Nationally, turkey eggs in incubators on September 1, 2002 totaled 29.5 million, down 2% from a year ago. Eggs in incubators were 9% below the August 1 total of 32.2 million. The 24.7 million poults placed during August 2002 in the United States were down 1% from the number placed during the same month a year ago. Placements were down 4% from the July 2002 total of 25.6 million. Regional placement percent changes from the previous year were: N & S Atlantic, down 12%; E N Central, up 9%; W N Central, up 4%; S Central, down 8%; and West, up 11%.

TURKEY HATCHERY - SEPTEMBER 1

GEOGRAPHIC DIVISION	Eggs in Incubators September 1			Poults Placed During August [1]		
	2001	2002	2002 as % of 2001	2001	2002	2002 as % of 2001
	Thousands		*Percent*	*Thousands*		*Percent*
North & South Atlantic	**9,699**	**8,051**	**83**	**8,370**	**7,374**	**88**
East North Central	4,787	4,815	101	3,605	3,935	109
West North Central	9,796	11,353	116	8,527	8,864	104
South Central	3,002	3,009	100	2,429	2,229	92
West	2,725	2,256	83	2,101	2,323	111
UNITED STATES	30,009	29,484	98	25,032	24,725	99

[1] Regional placements refer to poults placed from hatcheries located in that region, and not the actual location of the birds after placement.

CATTLE ON FEED: NUMBER ON FEED, 1,000 + Capacity Feedlots [1]

STATE	SEPTEMBER 1, 2001	AUGUST 1, 2002	SEPTEMBER 1, 2002	
			NUMBER	2002 as % of 2001
	1,000 Head			*Percent*
Arizona	293	285	285	97
California	470	485	490	104
Colorado	1,010	990	1,000	99
Idaho	305	285	275	90
Iowa	310	320	310	100
Kansas	2,490	2,140	2,230	90
Nebraska	1,820	1,790	1,850	102
New Mexico	96	109	114	119
Oklahoma	395	310	305	77
S Dakota	140	160	145	104
Texas	2,990	2,740	2,680	90
Washington	231	165	155	67
Other States	305	310	290	95
UNITED STATES	10,855	10,089	10,129	93

[1] Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

ANNUAL SUMMARY: Small Grains, North Carolina and United States, 2001-2002

CROPS	Unit	Acres Harvested		Yield Per Acre		Production	
		2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002
		Thousands				*Thousands*	
NORTH CAROLINA							
Barley for Grain	Bu.	18	20	67	69	1,206	1,380
Oats for Grain	Bu.	30	35	56	57	1,680	1,995
Wheat for Grain	Bu.	470	480	39	42	18,330	20,160
UNITED STATES							
Barley for Grain	Bu.	4,289	4,135	58.2	54.9	249,420	226,873
Oats for Grain	Bu.	1,905	2,098	61.4	56.8	117,024	119,132
Rye for Grain	Bu.	255	286	27.3	24.4	6,971	6,985
Wheat for Grain, All	Bu.	48,633	46,022	40.2	35.3	1,957,043	1,624,636

RED MEAT PRODUCTION UP

Commercial red meat production in **North Carolina** during August 2002 totaled 171 million pounds dress weight, up 1% from a year earlier. Commercial red meat production includes slaughter in federally inspected and other plants but excludes animals slaughtered on farms. Commercial slaughter of livestock in North Carolina during August 2002 totaled 232 million pounds live weight, up 2% from a year earlier. Cattle slaughter, at 17 million pounds live weight, was 4% above a year earlier. Calf slaughter, at 54,000 pounds live weight, was down 16% from the previous year. Hog slaughter, at 215 million pounds live weight, was up 1% from a year earlier. Sheep and lamb slaughter, at 3,000 pounds live weight, was down 50% from the previous year. The average live weight per head was: cattle, 1,041 pounds; calves, 402 pounds; hogs, 249 pounds; sheep and lambs, 69 pounds.

Nationally, commercial red meat production during August 2002 totaled 4.14 billion pounds dress weight, up 2% from August 2001. **Beef production** in the U.S. totaled 2.47 billion pounds dress weight, up 2% from the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 3.21 million head, down 1% from a year earlier. The average live weight increased 31 pounds to 1,259. **Veal production** totaled 17 million pounds dress weight, down 3% from the previous year. Calf slaughter totaled 96,000 head, up 2% from August 2001. The average live weight decreased 15 pounds to 288. **Pork production** totaled 1.64 billion pounds dress weight, up 2% from a year earlier. Hog kill totaled 8.54 million head, up 2% from August 2001. The average live weight increased 1 pound to 259. **Lamb and mutton production**, at 17 million pounds dress weight, was down 11% from the previous year. Sheep slaughter totaled 264,600 head, down 3% from a year earlier. The average live weight decreased 11 pounds to 126.

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER - AUGUST

SPECIES	NORTH CAROLINA				UNITED STATES					
	Number Slaughtered [1]		Total Live Weight		Number Slaughtered [1]		Total Live Weight		Total Dressed Weight [2]	
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002
	Thous. Head		*Thous. Pounds*		*Million Head*		*Million Pounds*		*Million Pounds*	
Cattle	15.2	16.4	16,429	17,107	3.2	3.2	3,977	4,045	2,425	2,470
Calves	0.2	0.1	64	54	0.1	0.1	29	28	17	17
Sheep & Lambs	0.1	0.1	6	3	0.3	0.3	37	33	19	17
Hogs	847.7	866.1	212,326	215,242	8.4	8.5	2,159	2,212	1,600	1,637
TOTAL	863.2	882.7	228,825	232,406	12.0	12.1	6,202	6,318	4,061	4,140

[1] Includes slaughter under Federal inspection and other commercial slaughter, excludes farm slaughter.
[2] Totals may not equal sum due to rounding.

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SEPTEMBER RAINS TOO LATE TO HELP CROPS

September rainfall across the State was significant but it gave little relief to drought hampered yields. At present, only about 10% of the tobacco crop remains in the field, and over half the corn has been harvested. Cotton and peanut harvests have been slow but should become very active in the upcoming weeks. Temperatures have been warmer than usual, but cooler weather is expected in October. Cotton and soybeans will be the only major crops with significant acreage yet to be harvested by month's end. Additional moisture is needed for small grain seedings.

CORN PRODUCTION DOWN FROM 2001

The State's corn crop is presently over 50% harvested, and previously anticipated low yields are being confirmed. The dry conditions throughout the growing season, particularly in July, damaged the yield potential beyond recovery. As the drought persisted, yield prospects dwindled. Yield is forecast at 74 bushels per acre, 51 bushels below the record set last year. Production is expected to total 48.8 million bushels, nearly 30 million bushels below 2001.

U.S. corn production is forecast at 9 billion bushels, down 6% from 2001, but up 1% from last month. Yield is estimated to average 127.2 bushels per acre. With harvest underway, the outlook in parts of the Eastern Corn Belt declined as actual yields are not as fruitful as anticipated. However, expected yields are up in Iowa and Minnesota where growing conditions have been ideal. Corn production is estimated at it's lowest level since 1995.

SOYBEAN YIELD PROSPECTS UNCHANGED

Soybean harvest is just beginning in the State with yield prospects unchanged from last month. Yield is estimated at 24 bushels per acre, 8 bushels below 2001. Production is forecast at 31 million bushels, down 12 million bushels or 28% from last year. Most of the soybean crop has completed pod setting and is dropping leaves. Only limited acres have reached maturity while conditions remain mostly fair.

Soybean production for the U.S. is estimated at 2.65 billion bushels, virtually unchanged from last month, but down 8% from last year and the lowest since 1999. Yield is expected to average 37.0 bushels per acre. Harvested acres remain at a 71.8 million, 2% below last year. Both yield and acreage estimates are unchanged from September.

COTTON PRODUCTION DOWN SHARPLY

Cotton production in North Carolina, at 1,100,000 bales, and yield, at 559 pounds per acre, are dramatically decreased from last month's forecast. The forecasted production is down 34% from last year. If current production levels are realized, this will be the lowest output since the flood damaged crop in 1999. Heavy rains in the cotton producing areas during the early and middle portions of September negatively impacted yield potential. Currently, this year's crop is near the end of it's boll opening stage with some harvest occurring.

Nationwide production of all cotton is estimated at 18.1 million bales, 11% below last year and down slightly from last month. Average yield, at 674 pounds per acre, is down 31 pounds from 2001, but only one pound below the September forecast. Hurricane Lili made landfall in the Delta region after October 1, and it's impact is not reflected in this report.

FLUE-CURED TOBACCO PROSPECTS STEADY

Flue-cured tobacco production in North Carolina is forecast at 344.5 million pounds. This production is unchanged from the previous month's estimate, but 8% below last year. Even though most areas received some rain last month, the precipitation was too late for the already drought affected crop. Harvested area for the State remains at 163,000 acres, up 5% from last year. Overall yield is forecast at 2,113 pounds per acre, down 314 pounds from last year.

U.S. flue-cured tobacco production is expected to total 522 million pounds, virtually unchanged from September 1, but 10% below last year's production. Growers plan to harvest 247,800 acres in 2002, 4% below last year. Flue-cured yields are expected to average 2,106 pounds per acre, 8 pounds above last month's estimate, but 326 pounds less than last year.

FLUE-CURED TOBACCO: BY TYPE, OCTOBER 1, 2002

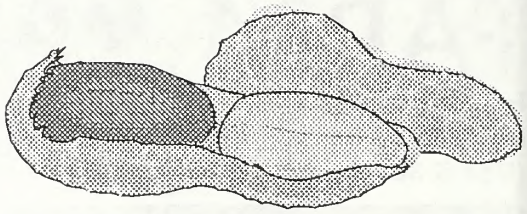
STATE	TYPE	ACRES HARVESTED			YIELD PER ACRE			PRODUCTION		
		2000	2001	Indicated 2002	2000	2001	Indicated 2002	2000	2001	Indicated 2002
		Thousands			*Pounds*			*Thousand Pounds*		
NC	**11**	**40.0**	**42.0**	**44.0**	**2,500**	**2,500**	**2,150**	**100,000**	**105,000**	**94,600**
NC	**12**	**102.0**	**93.0**	**95.0**	**2,405**	**2,400**	**2,100**	**245,310**	**223,200**	**199,500**
NC	**13**	**21.0**	**20.0**	**24.0**	**2,350**	**2,400**	**2,100**	**49,350**	**48,000**	**50,400**
NC	**11-13**	**163.0**	**155.0**	**163.0**	**2,421**	**2,427**	**2,113**	**394,660**	**376,200**	**344,500**
VA	11	17.5	20.5	22.0	2,440	2,370	2,300	42,700	48,585	50,600
SC	13	34.0	32.0	31.0	2,390	2,450	1,900	81,260	78,400	58,900
GA	14	31.0	26.1	27.0	2,220	2,460	2,050	68,820	64,206	55,350
FL	14	4.5	4.5	4.8	2,550	2,600	2,600	11,475	11,700	12,480
US	11-14	250.0	238.1	247.8	2,396	2,432	2,106	598,915	579,091	521,830

PEANUT STOCKS UP

Peanut stocks in commercial storage August 31, 2002 in the United States were up 39% from last year and totaled 1.18 billion pounds of equivalent farmer stock, compared to 854 million pounds last year. This total includes 447 million pounds of actual farmer stock.

Shelled peanuts on hand totaled 692 million pounds of farmer stock equivalent. Roasting stock totaled 45.4 million pounds. There were no Commodity Credit Corporation uncommitted stocks on hand as of August 31, 2002.

Shelled peanut stocks totaled 521 million pounds of which 505 million pounds were edible grades and 15.2 million pounds were oil stocks. Edible grade stocks by type were 111 million pounds of Virginias, 357 million pounds of Runners, and 37.1 million pounds of Spanish.



NORTH CAROLINA CROPS: ACRES, YIELD AND PRODUCTION, OCTOBER 1, 2002

CROPS	UNIT	NORTH CAROLINA					
		ACRES HARVESTED		YIELD		PRODUCTION	
		2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002
		Thousands				*Thousands*	
Barley	Bu.	18	20	67	69	1,206	1,380
Corn, grain	Bu.	625	660	125	74	78,125	48,840
Cotton, Upland [1]	Lb.	965	945	832	559	1,673	1,100
Hay, Other	Ton	690	730	2.20	1.70	1,518	1,241
Irish Potatoes [2]	Cwt.	18.5	17.5	190	195	3,515	3,413
Oats	Bu.	30	35	56	57	1,680	1,995
Peanuts	Lb.	122.5	100.0	2,910	2,300	356,475	230,000
Soybeans	Bu.	1,350	1,290	32	24	43,200	30,960
Tobacco:							
Flue-cured	Lb.	155	163	2,427	2,113	376,200	344,500
Type 11	Lb.	42	44	2,500	2,150	105,000	94,600
Type 12	Lb.	93	95	2,400	2,100	223,200	199,500
Type 13	Lb.	20	24	2,400	2,100	48,000	50,400
Burley	Lb.	6.7	6.5	1,600	1,400	10,720	9,100
All	Lb.	161.7	169.5	2,393	2,086	386,920	353,600
Wheat, Winter	Bu.	470	480	39	42	18,330	20,160
FRUIT:		*Actual Acres*					
Apples [3]	Lb.	8,000	[4]	15,000	[4]	120,000	150,000
Grapes [2 3]	Ton	700	[4]	2.9	[4]	2.0	2.7
Peaches [2 3]	Lb.	1,200	[4]	10,000	[4]	12,000	20,000
Pecans	Lb.	[5]	[5]	[5]	[5]	3,200	2,000
				UNITED STATES			
		Thousands				*Millions*	
Barley	Bu.	4,289	4,135	58.2	54.9	249.4	226.9
Corn, grain	Bu.	68,808	71,541	138.2	127.2	9,506.8	8,969.8
Cotton, All [1]	Lb.	13,828	12,861	705	674	20.3	18.1
Hay: Alfalfa [6]	Ton	23,812	24,134	3.37	3.09	80.3	74.7
Other	Ton	39,699	40,575	1.93	1.87	76.4	75.8
All	Ton	63,511	64,709	2.47	2.32	156.7	150.4
Peanuts	Lb.	1,412	1,361	3,029	2,757	4,276.7	3,751.2
Oats	Bu.	1,905	2,098	61.4	56.8	117.0	119.1
Sorghum, grain	Bu.	8,584	7,528	59.9	51.4	514.5	387.2
Soybeans	Bu.	72,975	71,799	39.6	37.0	2,890.7	2,653.8
Tobacco:							
Flue-cured	Lb.	238.1	247.8	2,432	2,106	579.1	521.8
Burley	Lb.	164.3	161.5	2,033	1,880	334.1	303.6
All	Lb.	432.4	434.3	2,293	2,040	991.5	886.0
Wheat, Winter	Bu.	31,295	29,651	43.5	38.5	1,361.5	1,142.8
FRUIT:							
Apples [3]	Lb.	430.2	[4]	22,400	[4]	9,629.1	8,910.6
Grapes [3]	Ton	930.4	[4]	7.04	[4]	6.6	7.3
Peaches [2 3]	Lb.	151.5	[4]	16,100	[4]	2,441.4	2,531.7
Pecans	Lb.	[5]	[5]	[5]	[5]	338.5	201.7

[1] Production in 480-lb bales. [2] Estimate carried forward from earlier forecast. [3] Total production. [4] Released January, 2003. [5] Not estimated. [6] Includes alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures.

PRICES RECEIVED FOR SELECTED COMMODITIES

The average price received for tobacco by North Carolina farmers in September 2002 was $1.80 per pound, up 1 cent from the previous month, but 8 cents below a year ago. The September corn price, at $3.05 per bushel, was up 21 cents from the previous month and was 89 cents above the previous year.

Prices received for all hogs in September, at $28.10 per hundredweight, were down $3.70 from August, but were $17.20 below a year ago. The average price for table eggs, at 36 cents per dozen, was down 4 cents from a month ago, but was up 4 cents from the previous year.

PRICES RECEIVED

COMMODITY	UNIT	NORTH CAROLINA			UNITED STATES		
		Sept. 2001	Aug. 2002	Sept. 2002	Sept. 2001	Aug. 2002	Sept. 2002
		Entire Month	*Entire Month*	*Mid Month*	*Entire Month*	*Entire Month*	*Mid Month*
				Dollars			
Tobacco, All [1]	Lb.	1.880	1.790	1.800	1.885	1.805	1.805
Corn	Bu.	2.16	2.84	3.05	1.91	2.38	2.56
Cotton	Lb.	.337	[5]	[5]	.385	.330	.325
Soybeans	Bu.	4.62	5.80	[5]	4.53	5.53	5.54
Hogs, All	Cwt.	45.30	31.80	28.10	45.20	31.90	26.50
Com'l Broilers [2]	Lb.	-	-	-	.430	.290	.300
Turkeys [2 3]	Lb.	.410	-	-	.405	.379	.369
Eggs [3 4]	Doz.	.320	.400	.360	.377	.439	.390
Milk, All [2]	Cwt.	-	-	-	17.10	11.30	11.50
Potatoes	Cwt.	-	-	-	6.04	7.65	6.53
Apples, Com'l. [1]	Lb.	-	-	-	.212	.245	.300
Hay, All [3]	Ton	-	-	-	99.00	93.70	95.50

[1] Entire month. [2] North Carolina monthly estimates discontinued. [3] Mid month. [4] Market (Table) eggs including eggs sold retail by producers. [5] Insufficient sales to establish a price.

NORTH CAROLINA PRICES RECEIVED INDEX

The September 2002 "All Farm Products" index of prices received by North Carolina farmers, at 237% of its 1967 base, was unchanged from a month earlier. The increase in price for tobacco and corn was offset by a decrease in price for hogs and eggs. The index was 19 points below a year earlier.

The September 2002 "All Crops" index, at 255, was up 2 points from the previous month, but was 4 points below a year earlier. The "Livestock and Livestock Products" index for September 2002, at 204, was down 6 points from the previous month and was 48 points below the previous year.

The meat animals index for September 2002, at 200, was down 9 points from the previous month and was 81 points below a year ago. The poultry index, at 203, was down 6 points from the previous month and was 20 points below a year earlier. The dairy index, at 212 was unchanged from a month earlier, but was 81 points below a year ago.

FARM PRICES INDEX NUMBERS

INDEX (1967 = 100)	Sept. 15 2000[1]	Sept. 15 2001[1]	Aug. 15 2002[1]	Sept. 15 2002
NORTH CAROLINA				
Prices Received: All Farm Products	247	256	237	237
All Crops	254	259	253	255
Tobacco	282	286	273	274
Oil Bearing	206	202	190	190
Grains	131	158	205	220
Commercial Vegetables	207	196	206	206
Fruits	305	318	318	318
Livestock and Livestock Products	236	252	210	204
Meat Animals	271	281	209	200
Poultry	218	223	209	203
Dairy	240	293	212	212
UNITED STATES				
Prices Received, All Farm Products	248	270	255	252
Prices Paid, Commodities & Services [2]	[4]	[4]	[4]	[4]
Parity Ratio [3]	[4]	[4]	[4]	[4]

[1] Revised. [2] Including Interest, Taxes and Farm Wage Rates. [3] Ratio of Index of Prices Received by Farmers to Index of Prices Paid. [4] Available quarterly following February 1986 Survey.

BURLEY TOBACCO PRODUCTION BELOW 2001

The North Carolina burley tobacco yield is forecast at 1,400 pounds per acre with production at 9.1 million pounds. This represents 200 pounds per acre less than last year, but unchanged from last month's forecast. Harvested acres remain at 6,500, down 3% from last year.

U.S. burley tobacco production is expected to total 304 million pounds, 9% below a year ago and down slightly from the September 1 forecast. Area for harvest, at 161,500 acres, was 2% below a year ago. Yield is expected to average 1,880 pounds per acre, down 153 pounds from 2001 and 8 pounds below last month.

NC PEANUT YIELD UNCHANGED

Peanut grower's prospects for the State did not change from last month, remaining steady with a yield of 2,300 pounds per acre, but 610 pounds per acre less than last year. The drought had the biggest impact on the reduced yield, but increased incidences of tomato spotted wilt virus also contributed to the decline. Production on October 1 is forecast at 230 million pounds, unchanged from last month's estimate, but down 35% from 2001. Harvested acres remain at 100,000, 18% less than last year.

U.S. peanut production is estimated at 3.75 billion pounds, down 2% from the September 1 forecast and down 12% from 2001. Yield is expected to average 2,757 pounds per harvested acre, 51 pounds below last month and down 272 pounds from 2001. Area for harvest is expected to total 1.36 million acres, unchanged from the September report but down 4% from 2001. Virginia-North Carolina production is forecast at 375 million pounds, unchanged from last month, but down 37% from a year ago. Yield per harvested acre in the two-state region is expected to average 2,373 pounds, unchanged from last month, but down 621 pounds from last year. Area for harvest, at 158,000 acres, is unchanged from last month, but is down 20% from the previous year.

APPLE PRODUCTION DOWN SLIGHTLY

North Carolina's apple production prospects declined 6% from the August forecast to 150 million pounds. However, this is 25% above last year's total production which was severely reduced by early season freezes. The persistent drought is responsible for the decline from last month as some apples were not sizing due to the dry weather. Additionally, some apples that were ready for harvest were knocked off the trees by the high winds from Hurricane Isidore.

The estimate of the 2002 U.S. apple crop stands at 8.91 billion pounds, down 3% from the August 1 forecast and 7% below last year. All three apple producing regions are forecasting decreases in production from the August 1 forecast.

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N. C. MILK PRODUCTION DOWN UNITED STATES UP

Milk production in North Carolina totaled 270 million pounds during the July-September 2002 quarter, down 4% from a year earlier. The number of milk cows on Tar Heel farms was estimated at 64,000 head, down 3,000 from a year ago. Milk per cow averaged 4,219 pounds, an increase of 25 pounds from the July-September 2001 quarter.

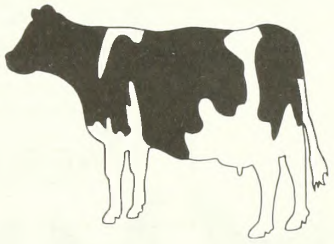
U.S. July-September quarterly production of milk totaled 42 billion pounds, up 3% from the July-September period in 2001. The average number of milk cows in the U.S. during the July-September quarter was 9.16 million, up 61,000 head from the same period a year earlier.

Nationally, milk production in the 20 major states during September 2002 totaled 11.8 billion pounds, up 3% from a year ago. Production per cow averaged 1,510 pounds for September, up 38 pounds from the previous year. The number of cows on farms in the 20 major states was 7.79 million head, up 56,000 from a year ago.

MILK PRODUCTION: JULY - SEPTEMBER

STATE	MILK COWS [1]		MILK PER COW [2]		MILK PRODUCTION [3]		
	2001	2002	2001	2002	Pounds 2001	Pounds 2002	2002 as % of 2001
	Thousands		Pounds		Millions		Percent
N. Carolina	**67**	**64**	**4,194**	**4,219**	**281**	**270**	**96**
Florida	153	149	3,379	3,497	517	521	101
Maryland	82	80	3,866	4,050	317	324	102
S. Carolina	20	20	4,000	4,000	80	80	100
Virginia	118	119	3,788	3,773	447	449	100
UNITED STATES	9,098	9,159	4,459	4,582	40,570	41,965	103

[1] Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. [2] Milk per cow is derived. [3] Excludes milk sucked by calves.



N. C. EGG PRODUCTION DOWN UNITED STATES UP

North Carolina laying flocks produced 203 million eggs during September 2002, down 4% from a year earlier. Production consisted of 77 million table eggs and 126 million hatching eggs. Table eggs were up 1% while hatching eggs decreased 7% from a year ago. The average number of layers on hand during September was 10.7 million, down 4% from a year earlier. This number consisted of 3.4 million layers for table eggs and 7.3 million for broiler-type and egg-type hatching eggs.

U.S. egg production totaled 7.15 billion during September 2002, up 1% from a year ago. Production included 6.10 billion table eggs and 1.05 billion hatching eggs, of which 989 million were broiler-type and 56 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during September 2002 averaged 337 million, up 1% from a year earlier. September 2002 egg production per 100 layers was 2,119 eggs, up 1% from the 2,103 eggs in September 2001.

All layers in the U.S. on October 1, 2002 totaled 338 million, up slightly from a year ago. The 338 million layers consisted of 280 million layers producing table or commercial type eggs, 54.9 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.45 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Daily rate of lay on October 1, 2002, averaged 70.2 eggs per 100 layers, up slightly from a year ago.

EGG PRODUCTION - SEPTEMBER

STATE	LAYERS ON HAND		TOTAL EGGS PRODUCED		TABLE EGGS		HATCHING EGGS	
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002
	Thousands		Million Eggs					
North Carolina	**11,090**	**10,692**	**211**	**203**	**76**	**77**	**135**	**126**
Alabama	10,392	9,989	194	187	59	50	135	137
Florida	10,804	10,654	223	226	209	213	14	13
Georgia	21,124	20,237	418	408	247	237	171	171
South Carolina	5,637	5,319	119	113	101	95	18	18
UNITED STATES	335,020	337,151	7,044	7,145	5,993	6,099	1,051	1,045

TURKEY EGGS DOWN; PLACEMENTS UP

Nationally, turkey eggs in incubators on October 1, 2002, totaled 29.1 million, down 3% from a year earlier. Eggs in incubators were down 1% from the September 1 total of 29.5 million. The 22.7 million poults placed during September 2002 in the United States were up 1% from the number placed during the same month a year ago. Placements were down 9% from the August 2002 total of 24.9 million. Regional placement percent changes from the previous year were: N & S Atlantic, down 12%; E N Central, up 10%; W N Central, up 13%; S Central, down 11%; and West, up 7%.

TURKEY HATCHERY - OCTOBER 1

GEOGRAPHIC DIVISION	Eggs in Incubators October 1			Poults Placed During September [1]		
	2001	2002	2002 as % of 2001	2001	2002	2002 as % of 2001
	Thousands		*Percent*	*Thousands*		*Percent*
North & South Atlantic	**9,343**	**8,671**	**93**	**7,508**	**6,581**	**88**
East North Central	4,954	4,961	100	3,178	3,487	110
West North Central	10,717	11,295	105	7,471	8,475	113
South Central	3,026	2,529	84	2,374	2,116	89
West	1,863	1,678	90	1,883	2,011	107
UNITED STATES	29,903	29,134	97	22,414	22,670	101

[1] Regional placements refer to poults placed from hatcheries located in that region, and not the actual location of the birds after placement.

CHICKEN EGGS IN INCUBATORS - OCTOBER 1

GEOGRAPHIC DIVISION	BROILER-TYPE			EGG-TYPE		
	2001	2002	2002 as % of 2001	2001	2002	2002 as % of 2001
	Thousands		*Percent*	*Thousands*		*Percent*
South Atlantic	**230,332**	**218,443**	**95**	**4,367**	**3,739**	**86**
North Atlantic	12,135	10,887	90	4,896	4,549	93
East North Central	7,356	7,725	105	5,996	6,047	101
West North Central	19,167	17,688	92	6,984	6,299	90
South Central	326,008	315,364	97	4,987	5,241	105
West	20,144	21,206	105	4,638	4,967	107
UNITED STATES	615,142	591,313	96	31,868	30,842	97

RED MEAT PRODUCTION UP

Commercial red meat production in **North Carolina** during September 2002 totaled 174 million pounds dressed weight, up 11% from a year earlier. Commercial red meat production includes slaughter in federally inspected and other plants but excludes animals slaughtered on farms. Commercial slaughter of livestock in North Carolina during September 2002 totaled 236 million pounds live weight, up 11% from a year earlier. Cattle slaughter, at 17 million pounds live weight, was 13% above a year earlier. Calf slaughter, at 57,000 pounds live weight, was up 12% from the previous year. Hog slaughter, at 219 million pounds live weight, was up 11% from a year earlier. Sheep and lamb slaughter, at 5,000 pounds live weight, was unchanged from the previous year. The average live weight per head was: cattle, 1,052 pounds; calves, 398 pounds; hogs, 252 pounds; sheep and lambs, 85 pounds.

Commercial red meat production for the **United States** during September 2002 totaled 3.87 billion pounds dressed weight, up 6% from September 2001.

Beef production in the U.S. totaled 2.20 billion pounds dressed weight, up 4% from the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.86 million head, up 2% from a year earlier. The average live weight increased 24 pounds to 1,264. **Veal production** totaled 16 million pounds dressed weight, up 9% from the previous year. Calf slaughter totaled 88,800 head, up 13% from September 2001. The average live weight decreased 11 pounds to 303. **Pork production** totaled 1.64 billion pounds dressed weight, up 8% from a year earlier. Hog kill totaled 8.51 million head, up 9% from September 2001. The average live weight decreased 2 pounds to 260. **Lamb and mutton production**, at 18 million pounds dressed weight, was up 8% from the previous year. Sheep slaughter totaled 276,200 head, up 13% from a year earlier. The average live weight decreased 7 pounds to 128.

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER - SEPTEMBER

SPECIES	NORTH CAROLINA				UNITED STATES					
	Number Slaughtered [1]		Total Live Weight		Number Slaughtered [1]		Total Live Weight		Total Dressed Weight [2]	
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002
	Thous. Head		*Thous. Pounds*		*Million Head*		*Million Pounds*		*Million Pounds*	
Cattle	14.4	16.4	15,302	17,284	2.8	2.9	3,482	3,620	2,121	2,201
Calves	0.1	0.1	51	57	0.1	0.1	25	27	15	16
Sheep & Lambs	0.1	0.1	5	5	0.2	0.3	33	35	16	18
Hogs	777.5	869.4	197,512	218,950	7.8	8.5	2,046	2,216	1,513	1,638
TOTAL	792.1	886.0	212,870	236,296	10.9	11.8	5,586	5,898	3,666	3,873

[1] Includes slaughter under Federal inspection and other commercial slaughter, excludes farm slaughter.
[2] Totals may not equal sum due to rounding.

BROILER HATCH UP

North Carolina commercial hatcheries produced 63.2 million broiler-type chicks during September 2002, up 2% from the 61.9 million a year ago.

Nationally, the September 2002 hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 741 million, was up slightly from the previous year. There were 591 million eggs in incubators on October 1, 2002, down 4% from a year earlier. Leading breeders placed 6.7 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during September 2002, up 1% from September 2001.

EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED DOWN

Nationally, egg-type chicks hatched during September 2002 totaled 35.4 million, down 4% from September 2001. Eggs in incubators totaled 30.8 million on October 1, 2002, down 3% from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 259,000 during September 2002, up 18% from September 2001.

CHICKS HATCHED - SEPTEMBER

STATE	EGG-TYPE		
	2001	2002	2002 as % of 2001
	Thousands		*Percent*
Arkansas	755	794	105
Florida	970	550	57
Georgia	2,158	2,248	104
Indiana	4,079	4,534	111
Iowa	6,004	5,302	88
Minnesota	1,438	1,662	116
Pennsylvania	5,135	4,381	85
Other States [1]	16,377	15,920	97
UNITED STATES	36,916	35,391	96

[1] Not published separately to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

CHICKS HATCHED - SEPTEMBER

STATE	BROILER-TYPE		
	2001	2002	2002 as % of 2001
	Thousands		*Percent*
North Carolina	**61,872**	**63,156**	**102**
Alabama	103,072	102,721	100
Arkansas	106,160	104,631	99
Delaware	12,239	12,110	99
Florida	8,139	7,729	95
Georgia	109,741	110,611	101
Kentucky	22,692	23,318	103
Maryland	33,081	34,012	103
Mississippi	66,022	66,572	101
Oklahoma	21,718	23,513	108
Pennsylvania	12,784	12,722	100
South Carolina	16,666	17,008	102
Texas	51,934	51,600	99
Virginia	23,240	22,262	96
California, Louisiana, Missouri, Tennessee & West Virginia	69,403	68,814	99
19 States [1]	718,763	720,779	100
Other States [2]	19,592	20,361	104
UNITED STATES	738,355	741,140	100

[1] States in the weekly hatchery production estimating program are those listed above. [2] Not published separately to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

CATTLE ON FEED DOWN

Nationally, cattle and calves on feed October 1, 2002 in feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head for slaughter totaled 10.4 million head, down 6% from a year ago. The inventory included 6.26 million steers and steer calves, down 6% from the previous year. This group accounted for 60% of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 4.08 million head, down 8% from 2001.

Placements in feedlots during September totaled 2.19 million, up 2% from a year ago, but 19% below two years ago. Net placements were 2.14 million. During September, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 614,000; 600-699 pounds were 487,000; 700-799 pounds were 582,000; and 800 pounds and over were 505,000 head.

Marketings of fed cattle during September 2002 totaled 1.85 million, up 1% from 2001, but 7% below two years ago. Other disappearance totaled 53,000 head during September, up 15% from the previous year, but 2% below two years ago.

CATTLE ON FEED: NUMBER ON FEED, 1,000 + Capacity Feedlots [1]

STATE	OCTOBER 1, 2001	SETEMBER 1, 2002	OCTOBER 1, 2002	
			NUMBER	2002 as % of 2001
	1,000 Head			*Percent*
Arizona	298	285	288	97
California	465	490	495	106
Colorado	1,060	1,000	1,030	97
Idaho	310	275	280	90
Iowa	310	310	315	102
Kansas	2,540	2,230	2,280	90
Nebraska	1,950	1,850	1,960	101
New Mexico	97	114	113	116
Oklahoma	390	305	330	85
S Dakota	136	145	150	110
Texas	2,990	2,680	2,720	91
Washington	244	155	170	70
Other States	335	290	285	85
UNITED STATES	11,125	10,129	10,416	94

[1] Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

COTTON GINNINGS: Running Bales Ginned (Excluding Linters) Prior to October 15, by Crop, State and United States, Crop Years 1999-2002

CROP AND STATE	Running Bales Ginned			
	1999	2000	2001	2002
ALL COTTON				
North Carolina	**13,650**	**127,150**	**124,250**	**116,850**
Alabama	194,800	211,100	120,450	112,650
Arizona	68,750	152,800	111,550	109,150
Arkansas	728,600	675,900	638,700	348,100
California	73,150	251,000	190,450	157,980
Florida	[1]	20,800	16,500	[1]
Georgia	188,150	198,250	256,150	248,600
Louisiana	552,950	648,500	415,650	266,650
Mississippi	924,100	1,068,800	764,750	577,800
Missouri	290,300	258,400	225,750	126,300
New Mexico	[1]	12,500	9,000	[1]
Oklahoma	16,550	50,600	12,850	30,450
South Carolina	26,500	64,000	60,550	18,350
Tennessee	325,550	411,400	319,450	170,950
Texas	1,464,300	1,775,050	1,342,100	1,217,200
Virginia	3,000	4,550	8,150	12,650
UNITED STATES	4,885,350	5,930,800	4,616,300	3,523,400
AMERICAN-PIMA				
Arizona	[1]	[1]	[1]	3,000
California	2,850	20,150	11,650	15,000
New Mexico	0	[1]	[1]	[1]
Texas	[1]	1,100	[1]	[1]
UNITED STATES	5,200	23,200	16,200	19,850

[1] *Not published to avoid disclosing individual gins.*

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CROP SEASON ENDING ON DAMP NOTE

Crop harvest and small grain plantings lagged behind the five year average due to October's unusually wet weather conditions across the state. Corn for grain, soybean, and sweetpotato harvests have experienced the most delays. As of November 10 nearly half of the cotton crop was still in the field, with 71% of the crop rated as being in poor or very poor condition. Wet, cool weather has peanuts and soybeans drying slower than normal in the fields, retaining a high moisture content.

COTTON PRODUCTION DOWN SHARPLY

North Carolina's cotton production is forecast at 950,000 bales, down significantly from last month's forecast and down 43% from last year's production of 1,673,000 bales. The forecast yield of 483 pounds per acre is the lowest in the State since 1999. Dry weather early, followed by heavy rains in the cotton producing areas during September and October negatively impacted yield potential.

Nationwide, all cotton production is forecast at 17.8 million bales, down 1% from October and down 12% from last year's record high production. Yield is expected to average 665 pounds per harvested acre, down 9 pounds from last month. Growers in Alabama, Georgia, and the Atlantic Coast States are continuing to see the results of adverse weather that has affected their season. Harvested area, at 12.9 million acres, is unchanged from October 1, but 7% below 2001.

N.C. SOYBEAN PROSPECTS DECLINE

Soybean yield for the State is forecast at 22 bushels per acre, down 2 bushels from last month's forecast. If realized, this will be the lowest soybean yield in the State since 1983. Production is forecast at 28.4 million bushels, down 34% from last year, the smallest crop in North Carolina since 1995 and the second lowest since 1977.

U.S. soybean production is forecast at 2.69 billion bushels, up 1% from October, but 7% below 2001. Yields are expected to average 37.5 bushels per acre, up 0.5 bushel from last month. If realized, this would be the lowest production since 1999. Area for harvest is forecast at 71.8 million acres, unchanged from October, but 2% below last year. As harvest progressed, producers realized yield increases from last month in the northern Great Plains, Great Lakes, upper Mississippi Valley, and Tennessee Valley. However, in the Atlantic Coast States, yield prospects decreased from last month.

STATE'S CORN DROPS FROM LAST YEAR'S RECORD

Corn yield for the State is forecast at 74 bushels per acre, unchanged from last month's forecast and 51 bushels below the record high yield set last year. The drought during the growing season damaged yield potential beyond recovery. Production is expected to total 48.8 million bushels, nearly 30 million bushels below 2001.

U.S. corn production is forecast at 9 billion bushels, up slightly from last month, but down 5% from 2001. Yields are expected to average 127.6 bushels per acre, up 0.4 bushel from October, but down 10.6 bushels from last year. If realized, production would be at the lowest level since 1995. Yield prospects in Iowa, Minnesota, and Nebraska increased from last month despite heavy rainfall at the beginning of the month which slowed harvest progress. Ohio producers realized lower than expected yields from last month as harvest progressed on the late planted, drought-stricken crop.

PEANUT YIELD DECLINES

The state's peanut yield decreased 100 pounds from last month to 2,200 pounds per acre, 710 pounds less than the 2001 yield. With forecasted harvested area remaining at 100,000 acres, production correspondingly decreased 4% from last month to 220 million pounds, 38% below last year. Untimely, recent rainfalls just as harvest began has had a severe, negative impact on grower's ability to dig and harvest the peanuts.

U.S. peanut production, at 3.51 billion pounds, is down 6% from the October 1 forecast and down 18% from last year's crop. Yield per acre is expected to average 2,579 pounds, a decrease of 178 pounds from the October 1 forecast and down 450 pounds from the 2001 crop. Area for harvest is expected to total 1.36 million acres, unchanged from the October 1 forecast, but down 4% from 2001.

PEANUTS: ACRES, YIELD AND PRODUCTION, NOVEMBER 1, 2002

STATE	AREA HARVESTED		YIELD		PRODUCTION	
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002
	1,000 Acres		*Pounds*		*1,000 Pounds*	
North Carolina	**122.5**	**100.0**	**2,910**	**2,200**	**356,475**	**220,000**
Alabama	199.0	199.0	2,675	2,300	532,325	457,700
Florida	82.0	92.0	3,050	2,500	250,100	230,000
Georgia	514.0	518.0	3,330	2,600	1,711,620	1,346,800
New Mexico	22.2	23.0	3,020	2,800	67,044	64,400
Oklahoma	77.0	60.0	2,570	2,800	197,890	168,000
South Carolina	10.2	10.5	3,000	2,300	30,600	24,150
Texas	310.0	300.0	2,890	2,900	895,900	870,000
Virginia	75.0	58.0	3,130	2,200	234,750	127,600
United States	1,411.9	1,360.5	3,029	2,579	4,276,704	3,508,650

NORTH CAROLINA CROPS: ACRES, YIELD AND PRODUCTION, NOVEMBER 1, 2002

CROPS	UNIT	NORTH CAROLINA					
		ACRES HARVESTED		YIELD		PRODUCTION	
		2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002
		Thousands				*Thousands*	
Barley [2]	Bu.	18	20	67	69	1,206	1,380
Corn, grain	Bu.	625	660	125	74	78,125	48,840
Cotton, Upland [1]	Lb.	965	945	832	483	1,673	950
Hay, Other [2]	Ton	690	730	2.20	1.70	1,518	1,241
Irish Potatoes [2]	Cwt.	18.5	17.5	190	195	3,515	3,413
Oats [2]	Bu.	30	35	56	57	1,680	1,995
Peanuts	Lb.	122.5	100.0	2,910	2,200	356,475	220,000
Soybeans	Bu.	1,350	1,290	32	22	43,200	28,380
Tobacco:							
Flue-cured [2]	Lb.	155	163	2,427	2,113	376,200	344,500
Type 11 [2]	Lb.	42	44	2,500	2,150	105,000	94,600
Type 12 [2]	Lb.	93	95	2,400	2,100	223,200	199,500
Type 13 [2]	Lb.	20	24	2,400	2,100	48,000	50,400
Burley [2]	Lb.	6.7	6.5	1,600	1,400	10,720	9,100
All [2]	Lb.	161.7	169.5	2,393	2,086	386,920	353,600
Wheat, Winter [2]	Bu.	470	480	39	42	18,330	20,160
FRUIT:		*Actual Acres*					
Apples [2 3]	Lb.	8,000	[4]	15,000	[4]	120,000	150,000
Grapes [2 3]	Ton	700	[4]	2.9	[4]	2.0	2.7
Peaches [2 3]	Lb.	1,200	[4]	10,000	[4]	12,000	20,000
Pecans [2]	Lb.	[5]	[5]	[5]	[5]	3,200	2,000
				UNITED STATES			
		Thousands				*Millions*	
Barley [2]	Bu.	4,289	4,135	58.2	54.9	249.4	226.9
Corn, grain	Bu.	68,808	70,541	138.2	127.6	9,506.8	9,003.4
Cotton, All [1]	Lb.	13,828	12,861	705	665	20.3	17.8
Hay: Alfalfa [2 6]	Ton	23,812	24,134	3.37	3.09	80.3	74.7
Other [2]	Ton	39,699	40,575	1.93	1.87	76.4	75.8
All [2]	Ton	63,511	64,709	2.47	2.32	156.7	150.4
Peanuts	Lb.	1,412	1,361	3,029	2,579	4,276.7	3,508.7
Oats [2]	Bu.	1,905	2,098	61.4	56.8	117.0	119.1
Sorghum, grain	Bu.	8,584	7,528	59.9	50.7	514.5	381.5
Soybeans	Bu.	72,975	71,799	39.6	37.5	2,890.7	2,689.7
Tobacco:							
Flue-cured [2]	Lb.	238.1	247.8	2,432	2,106	579.1	521.8
Burley [2]	Lb.	164.3	161.5	2,033	1,880	334.1	303.6
All [2]	Lb.	432.4	434.3	2,293	2,040	991.5	886.0
Wheat, Winter [2]	Bu.	31,295	29,651	43.5	38.5	1,361.5	1,142.8
FRUIT:							
Apples [2 3]	Lb.	430.2	[4]	22,400	[4]	9,629.1	8,910.6
Grapes [2 3]	Ton	930.4	[4]	7.04	[4]	6.6	7.3
Peaches [2 3]	Lb.	151.5	[4]	16,100	[4]	2,441.4	2,531.7
Pecans [2]	Lb.	[5]	[5]	[5]	[5]	338.5	201.7

[1] Production in 480-lb bales. [2] Estimate carried forward from earlier forecast. [3] Total production. [4] Released January, 2003. [5] Not estimated. [6] Includes alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures.

PEANUT STOCKS DOWN

Peanut stocks in commercial storage September 30, 2002 in the United States were down 25% from last year and totaled 1.12 billion pounds of equivalent farmer stock, compared to 1.49 billion pounds last year. This total includes 582 million pounds of actual farmer stock.

Shelled peanuts on hand totaled 507 million pounds of farmer stock equivalent. Roasting stock totaled 30.8 million pounds. There were no Commodity Credit Corporation uncommitted stocks on hand as of September 30, 2002.

Shelled peanut stocks totaled 381 million pounds of which 365 million pounds were edible grades and 16.5 million pounds were oil stocks. Edible grade stocks by type were 79.4 million pounds of Virginias, 262 million pounds of Runners, and 23.5 million pounds of Spanish.

NORTH CAROLINA PRICES RECEIVED INDEX

The October 2002 "All Farm Products" index of prices received by North Carolina farmers, at 238% of its 1967 base, was up 2 points from a month earlier. Contributing most to the increase was higher prices for tobacco, corn, and hogs. The index was 16 points below a year earlier.

The October 2002 "All Crops" index, at 259, was up 4 points from the previous month and was 1 point above a year earlier. The "Livestock and Livestock Products" index for October 2002, at 201, was down 2 points from the previous month and was 46 points below the previous year.

The meat animals index for October 2002, at 221, was up 23 points from the previous month, but was 33 points below a year ago. The poultry index, at 189, was down 14 points from the previous month and was 37 points below a year earlier. The dairy index, at 203, was down 9 points from a month earlier and was 97 points below a year ago.

FARM PRICES INDEX NUMBERS

INDEX (1967 = 100)	Oct. 15 2000[1]	Oct. 15 2001[1]	Sept. 15 2002[1]	Oct. 15 2002
NORTH CAROLINA				
Prices Received: All Farm Products	249	254	236	238
All Crops	255	258	255	259
Tobacco	283	289	277	282
Oil Bearing	196	182	187	191
Grains	143	159	204	209
Commercial Vegetables	207	196	206	206
Fruits	305	318	318	318
Livestock and Livestock Products	240	247	203	201
Meat Animals	267	254	198	221
Poultry	226	226	203	189
Dairy	239	300	212	203
UNITED STATES				
Prices Received, All Farm Products	237	240	252	242
Prices Paid, Commodities & Services [2]	474	482	[4]	491
Parity Ratio [3]	50	50	[4]	49

[1] Revised. [2] Including Interest, Taxes and Farm Wage Rates. [3] Ratio of Index of Prices Received by Farmers to Index of Prices Paid. [4] Available quarterly following February 1986 Survey.

PRICES RECEIVED FOR SELECTED NORTH CAROLINA COMMODITIES

The average price received for tobacco by North Carolina farmers in October 2002 was $1.850 per pound, up 3.5 cents from the previous month, but 4.5 cents below a year ago. The October corn price, at $2.89 per bushel, was up 7 cents from the previous month and was 71 cents above the previous year. The October soybean price, at $5.32 per bushel, was down 36 cents from the previous month, but was $1.29 above a year earlier. Peanuts, at 20.8 cents per pound, were down 5.5 cents from the previous year.

Prices received for all hogs in October, at $33.40 per hundredweight, were up $6.30 from September, but were $6.50 below a year ago. The average price for table eggs, at 31 cents per dozen, was down 5 cents from a month earlier and was 7.5 cents below the previous year.

PRICES RECEIVED

COMMODITY	UNIT	NORTH CAROLINA			UNITED STATES		
		Oct. 2001	Sept. 2002	Oct. 2002	Oct. 2001	Sept. 2002	Oct. 2002
		Entire Month	*Entire Month*	*Mid Month*	*Entire Month*	*Entire Month*	*Mid Month*
				Dollars			
Tobacco, All [1]	Lb.	1.895	1.815	1.850	1.905	1.815	1.850
Corn	Bu.	2.18	2.82	2.89	1.84	2.47	2.36
Cotton	Lb.	.279	[5]	[5]	.307	.352	.365
Soybeans	Bu.	4.03	5.68	5.32	4.09	5.39	5.16
Peanuts, In Shell	Lb.	.263	[5]	.208	.228	.178	.182
Hogs, All	Cwt.	39.90	27.10	33.40	40.20	26.70	31.90
Com'l Broilers [2]	Lb.	-	-	-	.410	.300	.280
Turkeys [2 3]	Lb.	.460	-	-	.442	.369	.369
Eggs [3 4]	Doz.	.385	.360	.310	.431	.390	.348
Milk, All [2]	Cwt.	-	-	-	15.60	11.60	11.90
Potatoes	Cwt.	-	-	-	5.15	6.60	5.43
Apples, Com'l. [1]	Lb.	-	-	-	.248	.300	.301
Hay, All [3]	Ton	-	-	-	98.00	95.50	94.50

[1] Entire month. [2] North Carolina monthly estimates discontinued. [3] Mid month. [4] Market (Table) eggs including eggs sold retail by producers. [5] Price not published to avoid disclosure of individual firms.

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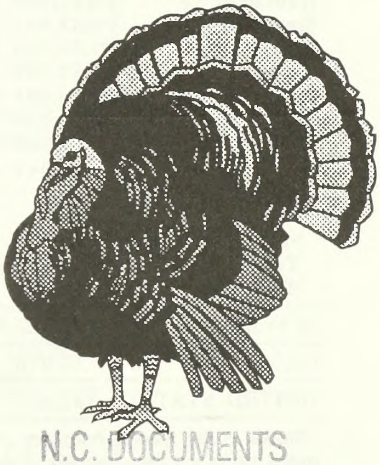
TURKEY EGGS AND PLACEMENTS DOWN

Nationally, turkey eggs in incubators on November 1, 2002 totaled 29.9 million, down 2% from a year ago. Eggs in incubators were up 2% from the October 1 total of 29.2 million. The 23.8 million poults placed during October 2002 in the United States were down 1% from the number placed during the same month a year ago. Placements were up 5% from the September 2002 total of 22.7 million. Regional placement percent changes from the previous year were: N & S Atlantic, down 8%; E N Central, up 2%; W N Central, up 9%; S Central, down 20%; and West, down 4%.

TURKEY HATCHERY - NOVEMBER 1

GEOGRAPHIC DIVISION	Eggs in Incubators November 1			Poults Placed During October [1]		
	2001	2002	2002 as % of 2001	2001	2002	2002 as % of 2001
	Thousands		*Percent*	*Thousands*		*Percent*
North & South Atlantic	**9,897**	**9,619**	**97**	**8,168**	**7,536**	**92**
East North Central	4,942	4,851	98	3,769	3,853	102
West North Central	10,730	10,706	100	8,300	9,082	109
South Central	3,118	2,759	88	2,491	2,003	80
West	1,913	1,958	102	1,400	1,337	96
UNITED STATES	30,600	29,893	98	24,128	23,811	99

[1] Regional placements refer to poults placed from hatcheries located in that region, and not the actual location of the birds after placement.



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N. C. EGG PRODUCTION DOWN
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North Carolina laying flocks produced 212 million eggs during October 2002, down 3% from a year earlier. Production consisted of 81 million table eggs and 131 million hatching eggs. Table eggs were up 1% while hatching eggs decreased 5% from a year ago. The average number of layers on hand during October was 10.7 million, down 4% from a year earlier. This number consisted of 3.5 million layers for table eggs and 7.2 million for broiler-type and egg-type hatching eggs.

U.S. egg production totaled 7.41 billion during October 2002, up 1% from a year ago. Production included 6.34 billion table eggs and 1.07 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.01 billion were broiler-type and 58 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during October 2002 averaged 338 million, up slightly from a year earlier. October 2002 egg production per 100 layers was 2,192 eggs, up 1% from the 2,180 eggs in October 2001.

All layers in the U.S. on November 1, 2002 totaled 338 million, up slightly from a year ago. The 338 million layers consisted of 281 million layers producing table or commercial type eggs, 54.8 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.55 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Daily rate of lay on November 1, 2002 averaged 71.1 eggs per 100 layers, up 1% from a year ago.

EGG PRODUCTION - OCTOBER

STATE	LAYERS ON HAND		TOTAL EGGS PRODUCED		TABLE EGGS		HATCHING EGGS	
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002
	Thousands		*Million Eggs*					
North Carolina	**11,170**	**10,725**	**218**	**212**	**80**	**81**	**138**	**131**
Alabama	10,330	9,816	199	189	62	52	137	137
Florida	10,782	10,826	233	237	220	226	13	11
Georgia	21,661	20,330	447	428	268	249	179	179
South Carolina	5,667	5,308	132	120	112	101	20	19
UNITED STATES	337,085	338,036	7,347	7,410	6,264	6,344	1,083	1,066

BROILER HATCH DOWN

North Carolina commercial hatcheries produced 61 million broiler-type chicks during October 2002, down 5% from the 64 million a year ago.

Nationally, the October 2002 hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 720 million, was down 4% from the previous year. There were 574 million eggs in incubators on November 1, 2002, down 2% from a year earlier. Leading breeders placed 6.3 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during October 2002, down 7% from October 2001.

CHICKS HATCHED - OCTOBER

STATE	BROILER-TYPE		
	2001	2002	2002 as % of 2001
	Thousands		*Percent*
North Carolina	**64,358**	**61,273**	**95**
Alabama	103,991	100,667	97
Arkansas	108,109	103,526	96
Delaware	12,258	11,767	96
Florida	8,295	8,080	97
Georgia	112,239	107,340	96
Kentucky	21,899	22,331	102
Maryland	33,827	33,068	98
Mississippi	66,040	64,973	98
Oklahoma	22,559	19,536	87
Pennsylvania	13,301	12,538	94
South Carolina	16,958	17,015	100
Texas	53,056	53,154	100
Virginia	22,544	21,216	94
California, Louisiana, Missouri, Tennessee & West Virginia	70,091	65,530	93
19 States [1]	729,525	702,014	96
Other States [2]	17,970	18,296	102
UNITED STATES	747,495	720,310	96

[1] States in the weekly hatchery production estimating program are those listed above. [2] Not published separately to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

CHICKS HATCHED - OCTOBER

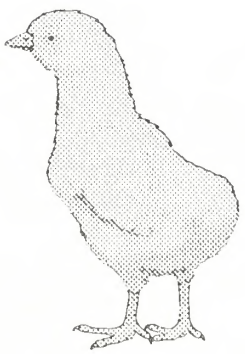
STATE	EGG-TYPE		
	2001	2002	2002 as % of 2001
	Thousands		*Percent*
Arkansas	828	733	89
Florida	780	606	78
Georgia	2,123	1,920	90
Indiana	4,169	4,232	102
Iowa	5,577	4,855	87
Minnesota	1,488	1,200	81
Pennsylvania	5,259	3,569	68
Other States [1]	15,592	14,929	96
UNITED STATES	35,816	32,044	89

[1] Not published separately to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED DOWN

Nationally, egg-type chicks hatched during October 2002 totaled 32 million, down 11% from October 2001. Eggs in incubators totaled 30.4 million on November 1, 2002, up 7% from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 186,000 during October 2002, up 24% from October 2001.



CHICKEN EGGS IN INCUBATORS - NOVEMBER 1

GEOGRAPHIC DIVISION	BROILER-TYPE			EGG-TYPE		
	2001	2002	2002 as % of 2001	2001	2002	2002 as % of 2001
	Thousands		*Percent*	*Thousands*		*Percent*
South Atlantic	222,643	216,302	97	3,966	4,430	112
North Atlantic	11,045	10,651	96	4,493	3,963	88
East North Central	4,800	7,875	164	6,314	6,440	102
West North Central	19,992	16,960	85	6,082	5,912	97
South Central	307,127	299,675	98	3,606	5,008	139
West	21,982	22,816	104	3,919	4,599	117
UNITED STATES	587,589	574,279	98	28,380	30,352	107

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER - OCTOBER

SPECIES	NORTH CAROLINA				UNITED STATES					
	Number Slaughtered [1]		Total Live Weight		Number Slaughtered [1]		Total Live Weight		Total Dressed Weight [2]	
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002
	Thous. Head		*Thous. Pounds*		*Million Head*		*Million Pounds*		*Million Pounds*	
Cattle	18.5	19.4	19,571	20,427	3.2	3.3	3,944	4,149	2,389	2,512
Calves	0.2	0.2	64	62	0.1	0.1	30	31	18	19
Sheep & Lambs	0.1	0.1	5	6	0.3	0.3	40	39	20	20
Hogs	933.3	950.2	240,894	239,781	9.3	9.4	2,488	2,483	1,838	1,831
TOTAL	952.1	969.9	260,534	260,276	12.9	13.1	6,502	6,702	4,265	4,382

[1] Includes slaughter under Federal inspection and other commercial slaughter, excludes farm slaughter. [2] Totals may not equal sum due to rounding.

U.S. HIRED WORKERS DOWN

During the survey week of October 6-12, 2002, farms in the Appalachian I Region (North Carolina and Virginia) hired 42,000 workers. This is up from 40,000 hired in October of 2001, but seasonally down from the 60,000 estimated working in July 2002. The average wage rate for the Appalachian I region was $8.21, down $0.05 from October 2001.

There were 1.19 million hired workers on the Nation's farms and ranches during the week of October 6-12, down 5 percent from a year ago. There were 935,000 workers hired directly by farm operators. This compares with 991,000 workers hired directly by farm operators during the October 2001 survey week. Agricultural service employees on farms and ranches made up the remaining 250,000 workers in October 2002. Nationally, farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of $8.93 per hour during the October 2002 survey week, up $0.34 from October 2001.

WAGE RATES FOR HIRED WORKERS [1], October 6-12, 2002 WITH COMPARISONS [2]

Region [3]	Type of Work						Number of Hired Workers	
	Field		Livestock		All Hired [4]			
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002
	Dollars Per Hour						Thousands	
Appalachian I	7.52	7.57	8.57	8.00	8.26	8.21	40	42
Appalachian II	7.04	7.13	7.77	7.46	7.59	7.50	29	36
Southeast	7.61	7.30	7.28	8.25	8.07	8.18	37	33
United States [5]	8.01	8.30	8.39	8.44	8.59	8.93	991	935

[1] Excludes agricultural service workers [2] Survey period in 2001 was October 7-13 [3] Appalachian I: NC, VA; Appalachian II: KY, TN, WV; Southeast: AL, GA, SC [4] All Hired Workers includes supervisory and other workers. Piece rates not included [5] Excludes Alaska

U.S. INTENDED PLACEMENTS: EGG-TYPE PULLET CHICKS FOR HATCHERY SUPPLY FLOCKS

MONTH	PULLET CHICKS HATCHED			2002 as % of	CUM. PLAC. RELATIVE TO CUR. SUPPLY FLOCKS 7-18 Months Earlier [2]		
	2000	2001	2002	2001	2001	2002	2003
	Thousands			Percent	Thousands		
January	212	236	228	97	3,129	3,158	2,974
February	251	214	247	115	3,191	3,205	2,916
March	286	284	237	83	3,090	3,239	2,886
April	309	311	295	95	3,096	3,225	2,926
May	343	315	319	101	3,057	3,134	2,962
June	235	261	221	85	3,103	3,087	
July	293	340	282	83	3,173	3,048	
August	217	251	221	88	3,197	3,040	
September	233	219	259	118	3,160	3,073	
October	241	150	186	124	3,158	3,026	
November	308	261			3,160	3,010	
December	245	206			3,132	3,014	
TOTAL	3,173	3,048					

[1] Reported by leading breeders. Coverage may not be 100 percent. Includes expected pullet chicks from eggs sold during the preceding month at the rate of 125 pullet chicks per 30 dozen case of eggs. [2] For October 2002, includes breeder pullet chicks hatched April 2001 through March 2002. The 7-18 months represent the first laying cycle. Molting and additional laying cycles will increase the cumulative potential placements.

U.S. RED MEAT PRODUCTION RECORD HIGH

Commercial red meat production in **North Carolina** during October 2002 totaled 191 million pounds dressed weight, unchanged from a year earlier. Commercial red meat production includes slaughter in federally inspected and other plants but excludes animals slaughtered on farms. Commercial slaughter of livestock in North Carolina during October 2002 totaled 260 million pounds live weight, down slightly from a year earlier. Cattle slaughter, at 20.4 million pounds live weight, was 4% above a year earlier. Calf slaughter, at 62,000 pounds live weight, was down 3% from the previous year. Hog slaughter, at 239.8 million pounds live weight, was down slightly from a year earlier. The average live weight per head was: cattle, 1,054 pounds; calves, 394 pounds; hogs, 252 pounds; sheep and lambs, 88 pounds.

Commercial red meat production for the **United States** during October 2002 totaled 4.38 billion pounds dressed weight, up 3% from October 2001 and a new record high for October.

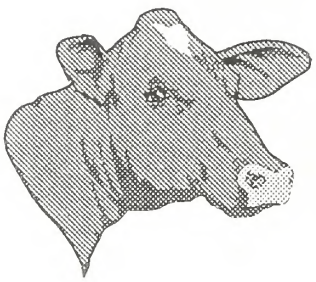
Beef production in the U.S. totaled 2.51 billion pounds dressed weight, up 5% from the previous year and a new record high for October. Cattle slaughter totaled 3.27 million head, up 3% from a year earlier. The average live weight increased 23 pounds to 1,270. **Veal production** totaled 18.7 million pounds dressed weight, up 5% from the previous year. Calf slaughter totaled 100,800 head, up 7% from October 2001. The average live weight decreased 10 pounds to 308. **Pork production** totaled 1.83 billion pounds dressed weight, down slightly from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 9.40 million head, up 1% from October 2001. The average live weight decreased 3 pounds to 264. **Lamb and mutton production**, at 19.6 million pounds dressed weight, was down 1% from the previous year. Sheep slaughter totaled 300,200 head, up 4% from a year earlier. The average live weight decreased 6 pounds to 131.

CATTLE ON FEED DOWN

Nationally, cattle and calves on feed November 1, 2002 in feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head for slaughter totaled 10.7 million head, down 9% from both November 1, 2001 and November 1, 2000.

Placements in feedlots during October totaled 2.39 million, 12% below a year ago and 16% below two years ago. Net placements were 2.30 million. During October, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 809,000, 600-699 pounds were 638,000, 700-799 pounds were 521,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 420,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during October 2002 totaled 1.98 million, 4% above a year ago and 3% above two years ago. Other disappearance totaled 84,000 head during October, 24% above the previous year and 27% above two years ago.



CATTLE ON FEED: NUMBER ON FEED, 1,000 + Capacity Feedlots [1]

STATE	NOVEMBER 1, 2001	OCTOBER 1, 2002	NOVEMBER 1, 2002	
			NUMBER	2002 as % of 2001
	1,000 Head			*Percent*
Arizona	301	288	290	96
California	470	495	490	104
Colorado	1,170	1,030	1,060	91
Idaho	330	280	295	89
Iowa	340	315	335	99
Kansas	2,670	2,280	2,300	86
Nebraska	2,200	1,960	2,110	96
New Mexico	108	113	116	107
Oklahoma	395	330	340	86
S Dakota	171	150	170	99
Texas	3,080	2,720	2,730	89
Washington	258	170	185	72
Other States	370	285	320	86
UNITED STATES	11,863	10,416	10,741	91

[1] Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

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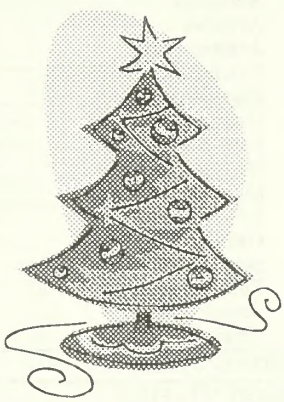
GENERAL SITUATION

Many North Carolina farmers will be glad to see 2002 come to an end as growing conditions have not been favorable for most late season crops. The adequate moisture in the early fall was too late to offset the impact of the summer drought on crop yields. The excessive moisture of the last few weeks has delayed harvest and further deteriorated crop quality and yields. The average cotton yield for the State is expected to be about half of what it was last year. Presently, over 10% of the cotton crop and over 25% of the soybean crop remain unharvested. The soggy field conditions and cold temperatures are impeding small grain plantings and emergence causing speculation of reduced wheat acreage in the state. Currently, over 30% of the anticipated wheat acreage has not been planted. Corn, cotton, and soybean prices have improved significantly from a year ago, but will not fully offset the farmer's loss in production.



COTTON PRODUCTION DOWN SHARPLY

As of December 1, North Carolina's cotton production is forecast at 860,000 bales, down significantly from last month's forecast and 49% below last year's production of 1.67 million bales. The forecast yield of 437 pounds per acre is the lowest in the State since 1983. Dry weather early, followed by heavy rains in the cotton producing areas during September and October negatively impacted yield potential. The impact of the ice storm during the first week of December is not reflected in this forecast. The next cotton production estimate will be published on January 10, 2003.

Nationwide, all cotton production (Upland and American-Pima) is forecast at 17.4 million bales, down 2% from November and down 14% from last year's record high production. Yield is expected to average 648 pounds per harvested acre, down 17 pounds from last month and down 57 pounds from last year. Southeastern growers are continuing to see the results of adverse weather that has affected their season. Harvested area, at 12.9 million acres, is unchanged from November, but is 7% below 2001.

UPLAND COTTON, DECEMBER 1, 2002

STATE	AREA HARVESTED		YIELD PER ACRE		PRODUCTION [1]	
	2001	Indicated 2002	2001	Indicated 2002	2001	Indicated 2002
	Acres		*Pounds*		*Thousand Bales [2]*	
North Carolina	**965**	**945**	**832**	**437**	**1,673**	**860**
Alabama	605	585	730	492	920	600
Arizona	290	232	1,142	1,241	690	600
Arkansas	1,065	930	826	852	1,833	1,650
California	625	477	1,359	1,439	1,770	1,430
Georgia	1,480	1,430	720	587	2,220	1,750
Louisiana	855	500	580	720	1,034	750
Mississippi	1,600	1,170	719	788	2,396	1,920
Missouri	400	385	834	761	695	610
New Mexico	65	56	916	857	124	100
Oklahoma	185	190	511	505	197	200
South Carolina	296	286	686	252	423	150
Tennessee	615	560	763	686	978	800
Texas	4,250	4,600	481	522	4,260	5,000
Virginia	104	100	929	480	201	100
Other States [3]	160	174	566	579	188	210
United States	13,560	12,620	694	636	19,602	16,730

[1] Production ginned and to be ginned. [2] 480-lb. net weight bales. [3] Other States include FL and KS. Individual State level forecasts will be published in the "Crop Production 2002 Summary".

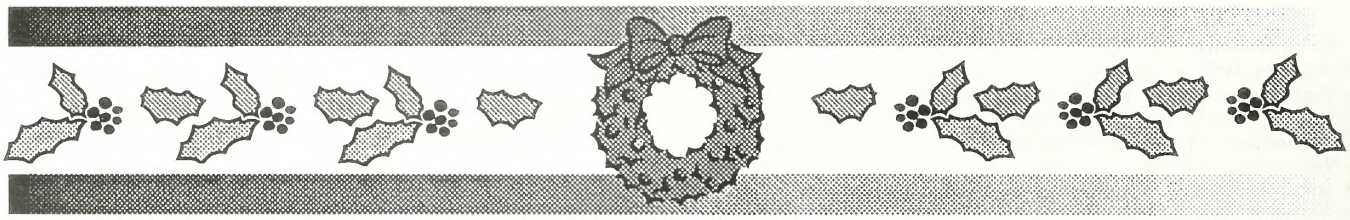
COTTON GINNINGS DOWN

The cotton harvest continues to lag behind normal due to unfavorable weather conditions. As of December 1, 2002, only 578,150 bales had been ginned in the State. This compares to over 1 million bales ginned at this time last year.

U.S. cotton ginnings totaled 12,367,400 on December 1 compared to 15,564,150 last year at the same time.

COTTON GINNINGS: Running Bales Ginned (Excluding Linters) Prior to December 1, by Crop, State and United States, Crop Years 1999-2002

CROP AND STATE	Running Bales Ginned			
	1999	2000	2001	2002
ALL COTTON				
North Carolina	**536,900**	**969,950**	**1,080,250**	**578,150**
Alabama	548,050	467,850	641,950	427,000
Arizona	408,450	414,500	431,250	397,300
Arkansas	1,376,850	1,384,950	1,715,000	1,511,300
California	1,462,000	1,744,800	1,521,450	1,327,400
Florida	96,000	76,550	105,600	44,900
Georgia	1,141,850	1,193,700	1,518,150	1,027,450
Louisiana	916,700	914,350	1,019,550	716,850
Mississippi	1,672,050	1,667,100	2,127,550	1,691,850
Missouri	449,300	499,100	635,050	534,750
New Mexico	42,800	49,750	53,500	34,850
Oklahoma	106,900	121,900	130,100	132,650
South Carolina	213,200	296,150	344,950	82,300
Tennessee	572,150	685,450	903,400	723,250
Texas	3,736,150	3,023,450	3,207,900	3,075,050
Virginia	99,750	109,550	128,500	62,350
UNITED STATES	13,379,100	13,619,100	15,564,150	12,367,400
AMERICAN-PIMA				
Arizona	9,200	4,750	8,900	10,100
California	257,600	201,350	240,050	258,750
New Mexico	3,450	2,500	8,850	9,500
Texas	25,600	18,050	22,850	20,450
UNITED STATES	295,850	226,650	280,650	298,800



PEANUT STOCKS REDUCED

Peanut stocks in commercial storage October 31, 2002 in the United States were down 48% from last year and totaled 1.97 billion pounds of equivalent farmer stock, compared to 3.78 billion pounds last year. This total includes 1.37 billion pounds of actual farmer stock.

Shelled peanuts on hand totaled 560 million pounds of farmer stock equivalent. Roasting stock totaled 37.5 million pounds. There were no Commodity Credit Corporation uncommitted stocks on hand as of October 31, 2002.

Shelled peanut stocks totaled 421 million pounds of which 397 million pounds were edible grades and 23.6 million pounds were oil stocks. Edible grade stocks by type were 75.6 million pounds of Virginias, 289 million pounds of Runners, and 32.8 million pounds of Spanish.

Commercial processors utilized 140 million pounds of shelled edible grade peanuts during October. Utilization by type was 75.7 million pounds for all peanut butter products, 29.2 million pounds for peanut candy, and 32.3 million pounds for snack peanuts. Crushing for oil and cake and meal totaled 57.8 million pounds during the month.

Deliveries under the Government Domestic Feeding and Child Nutrition Programs amounted to 3.86 million pounds of peanut butter and 33,264 pounds of roasted peanuts during October.

PECAN FORECAST DOWN

U.S. pecan production as of December 1 is forecast at 176 million pounds, down 13% from the October 1 forecast and 48% below last year's crop. Wet conditions and tropical storms in the Southern States have combined with the alternate bearing cycle to sharply reduce crop size. Wet conditions from September through November in these States delayed harvest. Improved varieties are expected to make up 137 million pounds, or 78% of the total, while the native and seedling varieties make up the balance.

The Georgia forecast, at 45 million pounds, is 10% below the October 1 forecast and 59% below last year's crop. Most of the decrease is related to the alternate bearing cycle. However, dry early-season conditions and wet weather during the fall further reduced production and quality by increasing disease and delaying harvest. The Texas production forecast is 40 million pounds, 20% below the previous forecast and 47% below the 2001 production. Unseasonable rains during October and November reduced harvest production and quality. Alabama pecan production, at 7 million pounds, is 30% below the October 1 forecast and 53% below last year's crop.

North Carolina's pecan production was forecast at 2 million pounds on October 1, down 37% from the 2001 crop. A revised report will be available January 24, 2003.

PRICES RECEIVED FOR SELECTED NORTH CAROLINA COMMODITIES

The average price received for tobacco by North Carolina farmers in November 2002 was $1.81 per pound, down 3.5 cents from the previous month and 11 cents below a year ago. The November corn price, at $2.94 per bushel, was up 2 cents from the previous month and was 65 cents above the previous year. Cotton, at 41.8 cents per pound, was up 3.1 cents from the previous month and was 11.3 cents above the previous year. The November soybean price, at $5.46 per bushel, was up 5 cents from the previous month and was $1.36 above a year earlier. Peanuts, at 21.1 cents per pound, were unchanged from the previous month, but were six tenths of a cent above a year earlier.

Prices received for all hogs in November, at $27.30 per hundredweight, were down $3.50 from October and were $6.90 below a year ago. The average price for table eggs, at 55 cents per dozen, was 15 cents above the previous year and was up 24 cents from a month earlier reflecting the seasonal increase due to holiday demand.

PRICES RECEIVED

COMMODITY	UNIT	NORTH CAROLINA			UNITED STATES		
		Nov. 2001	Oct. 2002	Nov. 2002	Nov. 2001	Oct. 2002	Nov. 2002
		Entire Month	*Entire Month*	*Mid Month*	*Entire Month*	*Entire Month*	*Mid Month*
				Dollars			
Tobacco, All [1]	Lb.	1.920	1.845	1.810	1.980	1.855	1.935
Corn	Bu.	2.29	2.92	2.94	1.85	2.34	2.30
Cotton	Lb.	.305	.387	.418	.278	.390	.414
Soybeans	Bu.	4.10	5.41	5.46	4.16	5.19	5.43
Peanuts, In Shell	Lb.	.205	.211	.211	.210	.180	.175
Hogs, All	Cwt.	34.20	30.80	27.30	35.00	30.60	27.40
Com'l Broilers [2]	Lb.	-	-	-	.390	.280	.290
Turkeys [2 3]	Lb.	.460	-	-	.445	.369	.395
Eggs [3 4]	Doz.	.400	.310	.550	.486	.348	.563
Milk, All [2]	Cwt.	-	-	-	14.40	12.10	11.70
Potatoes	Cwt.	-	-	-	5.96	5.57	6.01
Apples, Com'l. [1]	Lb.	-	-	-	.235	.301	.268
Hay, All [3]	Ton	-	-	-	95.90	94.50	93.60

[1] Entire month. [2] North Carolina monthly estimates discontinued. [3] Mid month. [4] Market (Table) eggs including eggs sold retail by producers.

FARM PRICES INDEX NUMBERS

INDEX (1967 = 100)	Nov. 15 2000[1]	Nov. 15 2001[1]	Oct. 15 2002[1]	Nov. 15 2002
NORTH CAROLINA				
Prices Received: All Farm Products	257	250	238	240
All Crops	265	258	260	256
Tobacco	302	293	281	276
Oil Bearing	179	163	194	195
Grains	148	167	211	213
Commercial Vegetables	207	196	206	206
Fruit	305	318	318	318
Livestock and Livestock Products	242	234	200	212
Meat Animals	248	230	214	199
Poultry	238	223	189	217
Dairy	247	273	211	219
UNITED STATES				
Prices Received, All Farm Products	249	237	244	247
Prices Paid, Commodities & Services [2]	[4]	[4]	491	[4]
Parity Ratio [3]	[4]	[4]	50	[4]

[1] Revised. [2] Including Interest, Taxes and Farm Wage Rates. [3] Ratio of Index of Prices Received by Farmers to Index of Prices Paid. [4] Available quarterly following February 1986 Survey.

NORTH CAROLINA PRICES RECEIVED INDEX

The November 2002 "All Farm Products" index of prices received by North Carolina farmers, at 240% of its 1967 base, was up 2 points from a month earlier. Contributing most to the increase was higher prices for corn, cotton, soybeans, and eggs. The index was 10 points below a year earlier.

The November 2002 "All Crops" index, at 256, was down 4 points from the previous month and was 2 points below a year earlier. The "Livestock and Livestock Products" index for November 2002, at 212, was up 12 points from the previous month, but was 22 points below the previous year.

The meat animals index for November 2002, at 199, was down 15 points from the previous month and was 31 points below a year ago. The poultry index, at 217, was up 28 points from the previous month, but was 6 points below a year earlier. The dairy index, at 219, was up 8 points from a month earlier, but was 54 points below a year ago.

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HOG NUMBERS DOWN

All hogs and pigs on **North Carolina** farms on December 1, 2002 totaled 9.6 million head, 5% below the September 1, 2002 inventory and 2% below the level at this time last year. The inventory consisted of 2% fewer market hogs than last December, totaling 8.6 million head. Breeding stock, at 1.0 million head, was unchanged from the previous year. North Carolina ranks 2nd nationally in the number of hogs and pigs behind Iowa's 15.3 million head. Minnesota is a distant 3rd with 5.9 million head inventory.

The State's pig crop during the September - November 2002 period totaled 4,770,000 head, unchanged from the same months last year. These pigs were produced by 530,000 sows, no change from last year. Pigs saved per litter averaged 9.00, unchanged from last year's litter rate.

North Carolina producers intend to farrow 530,000 sows from December 2002 - February 2003 and 540,000 during March - May 2003. If these intentions materialize, farrowings for the 6 month period will be down 2% from the previous year.

United States inventory of hogs and pigs on December 1, 2002 was estimated at 58.9 million head, down 1% from a year earlier and 2% below September 1, 2002. Breeding inventory, at 6.01 million head was 3% below last year and 1% below last quarter.

The September through November 2002 pig crop, at 24.9 million head, was 2% less than last year. Pigs saved per litter averaged 8.83 compared with 8.82 last year.

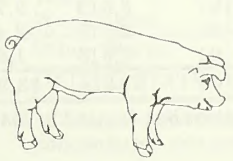
Producers intend to have 5.66 million sows farrowing during the December 2002 - May 2003 period, down 2% from the actual farrowings during the same 6 month period the previous year.

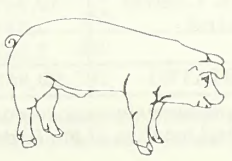
HOGS AND PIGS - INVENTORY NUMBER [1]
By Class & Weight Group, Sows Farrowing and Pig Crop

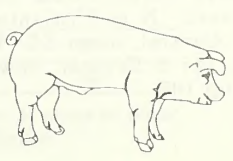
ITEM	NORTH CAROLINA 2001	NORTH CAROLINA 2002	NORTH CAROLINA 2002 as % of 2001	UNITED STATES 2001	UNITED STATES 2002	UNITED STATES 2002 as % of 2001
	Thousand Head		*Percent*	*Thousand Head*		*Percent*
DECEMBER 1 INVENTORY:						
All Hogs and Pigs	9,800	9,600	98	59,804	58,943	99
Kept for breeding	1,000	1,000	100	6,209	6,012	97
Market	8,800	8,600	98	53,594	52,931	99
Market Hogs and Pigs By Weight Groups:						
Under 60 Lbs.	3,500	3,450	99	19,908	19,461	98
60-119 Lbs.	2,020	2,000	99	12,924	12,919	100
120-179 Lbs.	1,730	1,700	98	10,744	10,736	100
180 Lbs. and Over	1,550	1,450	94	10,018	9,815	98
SEPTEMBER 1 INVENTORY:						
All Hogs and Pigs	9,900	10,100	102	59,777	60,220	101
Kept for breeding	1,000	1,000	100	6,158	6,054	98
Market	8,900	9,100	102	53,619	54,165	101
SOWS FARROWING:						
December [2]-February	530	540	102	2,748	2,836	103
March-May	540	550	102	2,870	2,943	103
December [2]-May	1,070	1,090	102	5,619	5,779	103
June-August	550	555	101	2,878	2,833	98
September-November	530	530	100	2,889	2,817	98
June-November	1,080	1,085	100	5,767	5,650	98
PIG CROP:						
December [2]-February	4,691	4,833	103	23,963	24,794	103
March-May	4,860	4,950	102	25,509	25,959	102
December [2]-May	9,551	9,783	102	49,472	50,752	103
June-August	5,005	5,023	100	25,539	25,114	98
September-November	4,770	4,770	100	25,492	24,892	98
June-November	9,775	9,793	100	51,031	50,006	98
	Number			*Number*		
PIGS PER LITTER:						
December [2]-February	8.85	8.95	101	8.72	8.74	100
March-May	9.00	9.00	100	8.89	8.82	99
December [2]-May	8.93	8.98	101	8.81	8.78	100
June-August	9.10	9.05	99	8.87	8.87	100
September-November	9.00	9.00	100	8.82	8.83	100
June-November	9.05	9.03	100	8.85	8.85	100

	Sows to Farrow 2002	Sows to Farrow 2003	2003 as % of 2002	Sows to Farrow 2002	Sows to Farrow 2003	2003 as % of 2002
	Thousand Head		*Percent*	*Thousand Head*		*Percent*
SOWS FARROWING:						
December [2]-February	540	530	98	2,836	2,807	99
March-May	550	540	98	2,943	2,854	97
December [2]-May	1,090	1,070	98	5,779	5,662	98

[1] *May not add due to rounding.* [2] *December preceding year.*







BROILER HATCH DOWN

North Carolina commercial hatcheries produced 60.9 million broiler-type chicks during November 2002, down 3% from the 62.6 million a year ago.

Nationally, the November 2002 hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 690 million, was down 2% from the previous year. There were 647 million eggs in incubators on December 1, 2002, up 1% from a year earlier. Leading breeders placed 6.9 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during November 2002, down 4% from November 2001.

CHICKS HATCHED - NOVEMBER

STATE	BROILER-TYPE		
	2001	2002	2002 as % of 2001
	Thousands		*Percent*
North Carolina	**62,592**	**60,877**	**97**
Alabama	95,685	93,835	98
Arkansas	100,879	96,547	96
Delaware	12,223	11,849	97
Florida	8,126	7,999	98
Georgia	103,317	100,553	97
Kentucky	20,746	20,732	100
Maryland	32,966	32,905	100
Mississippi	60,837	61,013	100
Oklahoma	20,617	20,512	99
Pennsylvania	11,865	11,345	96
South Carolina	15,794	15,550	98
Texas	48,497	50,197	104
Virginia	21,204	20,816	98
California, Louisiana, Missouri, Tennessee & West Virginia	68,908	64,869	94
19 States [1]	684,256	669,599	98
Other States [2]	18,351	20,425	111
UNITED STATES	702,607	690,024	98

[1] States in the weekly hatchery production estimating program are those listed above. [2] Not published separately to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED DOWN

Nationally, egg-type chicks hatched during November 2002 totaled 31.1 million, down 3% from November 2001. Eggs in incubators totaled 28.4 million on December 1, 2002, down 4% from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 223,000 during November 2002, down 15% from November 2001.

CHICKS HATCHED - NOVEMBER

STATE	EGG-TYPE		
	2001	2002	2002 as % of 2001
	Thousands		*Percent*
Arkansas	605	967	160
Florida	681	647	95
Georgia	1,997	1,855	93
Indiana	4,394	4,277	97
Iowa	4,769	4,630	97
Minnesota	1,758	1,616	92
Pennsylvania	4,121	3,544	86
Other States [1]	13,756	13,542	98
UNITED STATES	32,081	31,078	97

[1] Not published separately to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

CHICKEN EGGS IN INCUBATORS - DECEMBER 1

GEOGRAPHIC DIVISION	BROILER-TYPE			EGG-TYPE		
	2001	2002	2002 as % of 2001	2001	2002	2002 as % of 2001
	Thousands		*Percent*	*Thousands*		*Percent*
South Atlantic	**238,721**	**239,275**	**100**	**3,680**	**3,337**	**91**
North Atlantic	12,260	11,903	97	5,287	4,511	85
East North Central	7,383	7,345	99	6,003	5,489	91
West North Central	21,095	19,939	95	5,975	6,133	103
South Central	338,400	343,969	102	3,946	5,045	128
West	22,744	24,559	108	4,608	3,907	85
UNITED STATES	640,603	646,990	101	29,499	28,422	96

TURKEY EGGS UP; PLACEMENTS DOWN

Nationally, turkey eggs in incubators on December 1, 2002 totaled 30.1 million, up 1% from a year ago. The 24 million poults placed during November 2002 in the U.S. were down 1% from the number placed during the same month a year ago. Placements were up 1% from the October 2002 total of 23.8 million. Regional placement percent changes from the previous year were: N & S Atlantic, down 3%; E N Central, down 5%; W N Central, up 2%; S Central, down 4%; and West, up 10%.

TURKEY HATCHERY - DECEMBER 1

GEOGRAPHIC DIVISION	Eggs in Incubators December 1			Poults Placed During November [1]		
	2001	2002	2002 as % of 2001	2001	2002	2002 as % of 2001
	Thousands		*Percent*	*Thousands*		*Percent*
North & South Atlantic	**9,150**	**9,511**	**104**	**7,732**	**7,470**	**97**
East North Central	4,653	4,656	100	3,839	3,634	95
West North Central	10,445	11,185	107	8,619	8,788	102
South Central	3,245	2,589	80	2,518	2,426	96
West	2,359	2,148	91	1,518	1,669	110
UNITED STATES	29,852	30,089	101	24,226	23,987	99

[1] Regional placements refer to poults placed from hatcheries located in that region, and not the actual location of the birds after placement.

N. C. EGG PRODUCTION DOWN
UNITED STATES UP

North Carolina laying flocks produced 207 million eggs during November 2002, down 1% from a year earlier. Production consisted of 81 million table eggs and 126 million hatching eggs. Table eggs were up 4% while hatching eggs decreased 4% from a year earlier. The average number of layers on hand during November was 10.8 million, down 4% from a year earlier. This number consisted of 3.6 million layers for table eggs and 7.2 million for broiler-type and egg-type hatching eggs.

U.S. egg production totaled 7.25 billion during November 2002, up 1% from a year earlier. Production included 6.23 billion table eggs and 1.02 billion hatching eggs, of which 962 million were broiler-type and 57 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during November 2002 averaged 339 million, up slightly from the number of layers during November 2001. November egg production per 100 layers was 2,140 eggs, up 1% from the 2,128 eggs in November 2001.

All layers in the U.S. on December 1, 2002 totaled 339 million, up slightly from a year ago. The 339 million layers consisted of 282 million layers producing table or commercial type eggs, 53.8 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.57 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Daily rate of lay on December 1, 2002, averaged 71.3 eggs per 100 layers, up slightly from a year ago.

EGG PRODUCTION - NOVEMBER

STATE	LAYERS ON HAND		TOTAL EGGS PRODUCED		TABLE EGGS		HATCHING EGGS	
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002
	Thousands		*Million Eggs*					
North Carolina	**11,174**	**10,768**	**209**	**207**	**78**	**81**	**131**	**126**
Alabama	10,279	9,692	190	177	60	52	130	125
Florida	10,841	10,817	237	235	225	224	12	11
Georgia	21,830	20,122	454	421	279	248	175	173
South Carolina	5,809	5,255	133	113	115	96	18	17
UNITED STATES	337,915	338,593	7,191	7,246	6,159	6,226	1,032	1,019

CATTLE ON FEED DOWN

Nationally, cattle and calves on feed December 1, 2002 in feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head for slaughter totaled 10.9 million head, down 8% from a year earlier and 9% below December 1, 2000.

Placements in feedlots during November totaled 1.98 million, 4% above a year ago, but 2% below two years ago. Net placements were 1.89 million head. During November, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 589,000, 600-699 pounds were 660,000, 700-799 pounds were 417,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 311,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during November 2002 totaled 1.73 million, down 4% from a year earlier and 5% below two years ago. Other disappearance totaled 90,000 head during November, up 13% from the previous year, but 14% below two years ago.

CATTLE ON FEED: NUMBER ON FEED, 1,000 + Capacity Feedlots [1]

STATE	DECEMBER 1, 2001	NOVEMBER 1, 2002	DECEMBER 1, 2002	
			NUMBER	2002 as % of 2001
	1,000 Head			*Percent*
Arizona	303	290	295	97
California	490	490	500	102
Colorado	1,160	1,060	1,070	92
Idaho	340	295	300	88
Iowa	350	335	350	100
Kansas	2,640	2,300	2,300	87
Nebraska	2,270	2,110	2,180	96
New Mexico	108	117	123	114
Oklahoma	385	340	340	88
S Dakota	195	170	195	100
Texas	2,990	2,730	2,700	90
Washington	260	185	195	75
Other States	400	320	350	88
UNITED STATES	11,891	10,742	10,898	92

[1] *Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.*

N. C. RED MEAT PRODUCTION UP
UNITED STATES DOWN

Commercial red meat production in **North Carolina** during November 2002 totaled 178 million pounds dressed weight, up 1% from a year earlier. Commercial red meat production includes slaughter in federally inspected and other plants, but excludes animals slaughtered on farms. Commercial slaughter of livestock in North Carolina during November 2002 totaled 244 million pounds live weight, up 2% from a year earlier. Cattle slaughter, at 21.4 million pounds live weight, was 21% above a year earlier. Calf slaughter, at 59,000 pounds live weight, was up 4% from the previous year. Sheep and lamb slaughter, at 9,000 pounds live weight, was down 31% from a year earlier. Hog slaughter, at 222.6 million pounds live weight, was up very slightly from a year earlier. The average live weight per head was: cattle, 1,059 pounds; calves, 388 pounds; sheep and lambs, 99 pounds; and hogs, 256 pounds.

Commercial red meat production for the **United States** during November 2002 totaled 3.91 billion pounds dressed weight, down 2% from the 3.97 billion pounds dressed weight produced in November 2001.

Beef production in the U.S. totaled 2.16 billion pounds dressed weight, down 2% from the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.86 million head, down 1% from a year earlier. The average live weight increased 5 pounds to 1,260. **Veal production** totaled 16.9 million pounds dressed weight, up 4% from the previous year. Calf slaughter totaled 91,100 head, up 4% from November 2001. The average live weight was unchanged at 308 pounds. **Pork production** totaled 1.71 billion pounds dressed weight, down 1% from a year earlier. Hog kill totaled 8.66 million head, down 1% from November 2001. The average live weight decreased 1 pound to 268. **Lamb and mutton production**, at 17.8 million pounds dressed weight, was down 9% from the previous year and 6% below the previous record low set in 1998. Sheep slaughter totaled 271,300 head, down 5% from a year earlier. The average live weight decreased 6 pounds to 132.

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER - NOVEMBER

SPECIES	NORTH CAROLINA				UNITED STATES					
	Number Slaughtered [1]		Total Live Weight		Number Slaughtered [1]		Total Live Weight		Total Dressed Weight [2]	
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002
	Thous. Head		*Thous. Pounds*		*Million Head*		*Million Pounds*		*Million Pounds*	
Cattle	16.6	20.2	17,723	21,406	2.9	2.9	3,644	3,606	2,201	2,164
Calves	0.1	0.2	57	59	0.1	0.1	27	28	16	17
Sheep & Lambs	0.1	0.1	13	9	0.3	0.3	40	36	20	18
Hogs	857.5	868.9	222,522	222,639	8.7	8.7	2,345	2,315	1,733	1,709
TOTAL	874.3	889.4	240,315	244,113	12.0	12.0	6,056	5,985	3,970	3,907

[1] *Includes slaughter under Federal inspection and other commercial slaughter, excludes farm slaughter.*
[2] *Totals may not equal sum due to rounding.*

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TURKEYS RAISED UP; INTENTIONS DOWN

North Carolina turkey producers raised 45.5 million turkeys in 2002, up 6% from the previous year, but expect a 3% decline in the number raised for 2003. Turkeys raised in the United States during 2002 totaled 272 million, up fractionally from the number raised during 2001. North Carolina leads the Nation with 45.5 million turkeys raised in 2002, followed by Minnesota with 44.0 million, Arkansas with 29.5 million, Missouri with 25.5 million, Virginia with 20.0 million, California with 17.7 million, and Indiana with 13.0 million. These states accounted for 72% of the turkeys produced in the United States during 2002.

Turkey growers in the 23 major producing states intend to decrease the number of birds raised by 2% in 2003. These states produced more than 99% of the turkeys raised in 2002. Intentions for the top 7 producing States compared with 2002 are as follows: Minnesota up 2%, North Carolina down 3%, Arkansas and Missouri each down 2%, Virginia down 5%, California down 10%, and Indiana unchanged.

The number of turkeys actually raised in 2003 may vary from growers' intentions shown in this report depending on feed costs, supply of hatching eggs, cost of poults, and prices growers receive for turkeys during the next few months.

TURKEYS RAISED

STATE	2001	2002	2002 as % of 2001	INTENDED 2003 [1]	2003 as % of 2002
	Thousands		*Percent*	*Thousands*	*Percent*
North Carolina	**43,000**	**45,500**	**106**	**44,000**	**97**
Arkansas	27,000	29,500	109	29,000	98
California	18,700	17,700	95	16,000	90
Illinois	2,900	2,900	100	2,900	100
Indiana	14,000	13,000	93	13,000	100
Iowa	7,100	6,800	96	7,000	103
Michigan	4,500	4,800	107	4,800	100
Minnesota	44,000	44,000	100	45,000	102
Missouri	24,000	25,500	106	25,000	98
North Dakota	1,600	1,900	119	2,100	111
Ohio	4,800	5,400	113	5,300	98
Pennsylvania	9,500	9,900	104	9,900	100
South Carolina	9,200	9,900	108	9,700	98
South Dakota	4,900	4,800	98	5,200	108
Virginia	24,000	20,000	83	19,000	95
West Virginia	4,100	3,600	88	3,600	100
Other States	27,611	26,111	95	23,950	92
23 STATE TOTAL [2]	270,911	271,300	100	265,450	98
U.S. TOTAL [3]	272,059	272,429	100		

[1] Intentions to raise turkeys made in 23 States only. [2] Includes states listed above plus (CO, KS, NE, OK, TX, UT, and WI) which are not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations. [3] Includes 23 States plus (CT, DE, MD, MA, NH, NJ, NY, and VT).

NORTH CAROLINA MILK DOWN
UNITED STATES UP

Milk production in North Carolina totaled 267 million pounds during the October-December 2002 quarter, down 6% from the previous year. The number of milk cows on Tar Heel farms was estimated at 63,000 head, down 3,000 from the previous year. Milk per cow averaged 4,238 pounds, a decrease of 80 pounds from the October-December 2001 quarter.

U.S. October-December 2002 quarterly production of milk totaled 41.5 billion pounds, up 2% from the October-December period last year. The average number of milk cows in the U.S. during the October-December quarter was 9.15 million, up 43,000 head from the same period a year earlier.

Nationally, milk production in the 20 major states during December 2002 totaled 12.2 billion pounds, up 2% from a year ago. Production per cow averaged 1,567 pounds for December, up 18 pounds from December 2001. The number of milk cows on farms in the 20 major states was 7.80 million head, up 47,000 from a year ago.

MILK PRODUCTION: OCTOBER - DECEMBER

STATE	MILK COWS [1]		MILK PER COW [2]		MILK PRODUCTION [3]		
					Pounds		2002 As % Of 2001
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	
	Thousands		*Pounds*		*Millions*		*Percent*
North Carolina	**66**	**63**	**4,318**	**4,238**	**285**	**267**	**94**
Florida	152	147	3,612	3,578	549	526	96
Maryland	81	80	3,951	4,175	320	334	104
South Carolina	20	20	4,400	4,150	88	83	94
Virginia	119	119	3,899	3,807	464	453	98
UNITED STATES	9,105	9,148	4,483	4,538	40,818	41,511	102

[1] Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. [2] Milk per cow is derived. [3] Excludes milk sucked by calves.

STATE'S CORN STOCKS DOWN - WHEAT STOCKS UP

North Carolina corn stocks held in all positions on December 1, 2002 are at 37.4 million bushels, down 18% from December 2001. Corn held in on-farm positions is at 18 million bushels, 20% below December of last year. Off-farm corn stocks are at 19.4 million bushels, down 17% from December of 2001.

The State's wheat stocks held in all positions are up 16% from last year, 8.7 million bushels compared to 7.5 million in December 2001. Off-farm stocks totaled 7.6 million bushels, up 29% from last year. On-farm wheat stocks, at 1.1 million bushels, are down 31% from December 2001.

Off-farm soybean stocks for the State on December 1, 2002 totaled 6.3 million bushels, down 60% from December 1, 2001 and the lowest December 1 total since 1986.

N.C. WHEAT SEEDINGS DOWN

Winter wheat seedings for the 2003 crop in North Carolina are estimated at 550,000 acres, down 15% from 2002. The delayed soybean harvest and the extended period of wet weather limited the planted wheat acreage.

Winter wheat seeded for the United States is forecast at 44.2 million acres, up 6% from 2002. This is the largest area seeded since 1998.

GRAIN STOCKS, DECEMBER 1, 2002, WITH COMPARISONS

YEAR	STOCKS ON-FARMS				STOCKS IN OFF-FARM POSITIONS [1]				TOTAL STOCKS ALL POSITIONS			
	March 1	June 1	Sept. 1	**Dec. 1**	March 1	June 1	Sept. 1	**Dec. 1**	March 1	June 1	Sept. 1	**Dec. 1**
						Thousand Bushels						
NORTH CAROLINA												
CORN:												
2000	10,000	3,800	1,400	26,000	12,663	7,399	6,355	22,934	22,663	11,199	7,755	48,934
2001	16,000	7,800	2,150	22,500	20,280	10,939	6,621	23,329	36,280	18,739	8,771	45,829
2002	14,000	7,100	2,600	**18,000**	20,095	10,716	5,101 [2]	**19,415**	34,095	17,816	7,701 [2]	**37,415**
SOYBEANS:												
2000	*	*	*	*	11,494	6,670	*	15,821	*	*	*	*
2001	*	*	*	*	11,923	6,598	3,983	15,526	*	*	*	*
2002	*	*	*	*	9,701	5,135	*	**6,272**	*	*	*	*
WHEAT:												
2000	700	245	3,000	1,300	3,409	3,764	10,993	8,403	4,109	4,009	13,993	9,703
2001	600	190	2,000	1,600	7,321	3,231	9,003	5,882	7,921	3,421	11,003	7,482
2002	200	70	1,900	**1,100**	4,722	1,439	9,085	**7,589**	4,922	1,509	10,985	**8,689**
UNITED STATES												
CORN:												
2000	3,300,000	2,029,800	793,000	5,550,000	2,301,895	1,556,138	924,549	2,979,634	5,601,895	3,585,938	1,717,549	8,529,634
2001	3,600,000	2,230,800	753,150	5,275,000	2,442,999	1,693,158	1,145,958	2,989,715	6,042,999	3,923,958	1,899,108	8,264,715
2002	3,355,000	2,020,600	586,800	**4,800,000**	2,440,261	1,576,290	1,009,626 [2]	**2,833,427**	5,795,261	3,596,890	1,596,426 [2]	**7,633,427**
SOYBEANS:												
2000	730,000	370,000	112,500	1,217,000	665,986	404,425	177,662	1,022,991	1,395,986	774,425	290,162	2,239,991
2001	780,000	365,000	83,500	1,240,000	623,908	343,180	164,247	1,035,618	1,403,908	708,180	247,747	2,275,618
2002	687,000	301,200	62,700	**1,170,000**	648,987	383,721	145,320 [2]	**944,482**	1,335,987	684,921	208,020 [2]	**2,114,482**
WHEAT:												
2000	424,680	226,780	808,390	623,420	991,841	722,968	1,544,280	1,182,705	1,416,521	949,748	2,352,670	1,806,125
2001	384,750	197,270	696,850	517,890	953,648	678,912	1,458,964	1,105,565	1,338,398	876,182	2,155,814	1,623,455
2002	338,500	216,830	580,200 [2]	**384,800**	871,268	560,282	1,170,787 [2]	**936,199**	1,209,768	777,112	1,750,987 [2]	**1,320,999**
SORGHUM:												
2000	51,700	27,300	12,200	74,300	173,932	99,606	53,175	187,681	225,632	126,906	65,375	261,981
2001	40,100	19,000	8,900	72,400	127,027	57,411	32,851	241,477	167,127	76,411	41,751	313,877
2002	38,100	17,300	7,400	**51,600**	156,007	88,178	53,573 [2]	**178,000**	194,107	105,478	60,973 [2]	**229,600**

*[1] Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals and processors. [2] Revised. * Data no longer published, figures included in U.S. total.*

NORTH CAROLINA PRICES RECEIVED INDEX

The December 2002 "All Farm Products" index of prices received by North Carolina farmers, at 248% of its 1967 base, was up 7 points from the previous month. Contributing most to the increase were higher prices for tobacco, soybeans, and hogs. The index was 6 points above a year earlier.

The December 2002 "All Crops" index, at 269, was up 12 points from the previous month and was 11 points above a year earlier. The "Livestock and Livestock Products" index for December 2002, at 211, was down 1 point from the previous month and was 2 points below the previous year.

The meat animals index for December 2002, at 200, was down 4 points from the previous month and was 17 points below a year ago. The poultry index, at 218, was up 1 point from the previous month and was 13 points above a year earlier. The dairy index, at 209, was down 2 points from a month earlier and was 24 points below the previous year.

FARM PRICES INDEX NUMBERS

INDEX (1967 = 100)	Dec. 15 2000 [1]	Dec. 15 2001 [1]	Nov. 15 2002 [1]	Dec. 15 2002
NORTH CAROLINA				
Prices Received: All Farm Products	258	242	241	248
All Crops	265	258	257	269
Tobacco	300	293	278	296
Oil Bearing	179	155	195	194
Grains	153	178	204	203
Commercial Vegetables	207	196	206	206
Fruits	305	318	318	318
Livestock and Livestock Products	246	213	212	211
Meat Animals	254	217	204	200
Poultry	242	205	217	218
Dairy	247	233	211	209
UNITED STATES				
Prices Received, All Farm Products	249	236	248	247
Prices Paid, Commodities & Services [2]	[4]	[4]	[4]	[4]
Parity Ratio [3]	[4]	[4]	[4]	[4]

[1] Revised. [2] Including Interest, Taxes and Farm Wage Rates. [3] Ratio of Index of Prices Received by Farmers to Index of Prices Paid. [4] Available quarterly following February 1986 Survey.

NORTH CAROLINA CROPS: ACRES, YIELD AND PRODUCTION, DECEMBER, 2002

CROPS [1]	UNIT	NORTH CAROLINA					
		ACRES HARVESTED		YIELD		PRODUCTION	
		2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002
		Thousands				*Thousands*	
Barley	Bu.	18	20	67	69	1,206	1,380
Corn, grain	Bu.	625	700	125	83	78,125	58,100
Cotton, Upland [2]	Lb.	965	920	832	412	1,673	790
Hay: All	Ton	710	750	2.22	1.51	1,578	1,131
Alfalfa [3]	Ton	20	20	3.00	1.80	60	36
Other	Ton	690	730	2.20	1.50	1,518	1,095
Irish Potatoes	Cwt.	18.5	21.0	190	170	3,515	3,570
Oats	Bu.	30	35	56	57	1,680	1,995
Peanuts	Lb.	122.5	100.0	2,910	2,100	356,475	210,000
Sorghum, grain	Bu.	11	12	70	45	770	540
Soybeans	Bu.	1,350	1,280	32.0	23.5	43,200	30,080
Sweetpotatoes	Cwt.	36	37	155	130	5,580	4,810
Tobacco:							
Flue-cured	Lb.	155	163	2,427	2,134	376,200	347,900
Type 11	Lb.	42	44	2,500	2,200	105,000	96,800
Type 12	Lb.	93	95	2,400	2,100	223,200	199,500
Type 13	Lb.	20	24	2,400	2,150	48,000	51,600
Burley	Lb.	6.7	6.3	1,600	1,500	10,720	9,450
All	Lb.	161.7	169.3	2,393	2,111	386,920	357,350
Wheat, Winter	Bu.	470	480	39	42	18,330	20,160
		UNITED STATES					
		Thousands				*Millions*	
Barley	Bu.	4,289	4,135	58.2	54.9	249.4	226.9
Corn, grain	Bu.	68,808	69,313	138.2	130.0	9,506.8	9,007.7
Cotton: All [2]	Lb.	13,828	12,413	705	663	20.3	17.1
Upland [2]	Lb.	13,560	12,171	694	651	19.6	16.5
Hay: All	Ton	63,521	64,497	2.47	2.34	156.8	151.0
Alafalfa [3]	Ton	23,822	23,135	3.37	3.19	80.3	73.8
Other	Ton	39,699	41,362	1.93	1.86	76.4	77.1
Irish Potatoes	Cwt.	1,222.2	1,276.5	358	363	437.9	463.2
Oats	Bu.	1,905	2,098	61.4	56.8	117.0	119.1
Peanuts	Lb.	1,412	1,297	3,029	2,561	4,276.7	3,320.5
Sorghum, grain	Bu.	8,584	7,299	59.9	50.7	514.5	369.8
Soybeans	Bu.	72,975	72,160	39.6	37.8	2,890.7	2,729.7
Sweetpotatoes	Cwt.	94.4	83.3	155.0	150.0	14.6	12.5
Tobacco:							
Flue-cured	Lb.	238.1	246.1	2,432	2,137	579.1	525.9
Burley	Lb.	164.3	159.6	2,033	1,904	334.1	303.9
All	Lb.	432.3	430.3	2,293	2,068	991.6	889.6
Wheat: Winter	Bu.	31,295	29,651	43.5	38.5	1,361.5	1,142.8
All	Bu.	48,633	45,817	40.2	35.3	1,957.0	1,616.4

2001 Revised. [2] Production in 480-lb bales. [3] Includes alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures.

GRAIN STORAGE CAPACITY

On December 1, 2002 there were 200 off-farm commercial grain storage facilities in North Carolina with a storage capacity of 69.5 million bushels. Off-farm capacity increased 3.5 million bushels from last year while on-farm capacity, at 80 million bushels, was unchanged.

N.C. HAY STOCKS ON-FARMS 2000-2002

YEAR	May 1	December 1
	1,000 tons	
2000	255	1,300
2001	277	1,215
2002	158	785

ON AND OFF-FARM STORAGE CAPACITIES DECEMBER 1, 2001-02

Year	OFF-FARM		ON-FARM
	Number of Facilities	Rated Storage Capacity	Storage Capacity
		Thousand Bushels	*Million Bushels*
N.C.			
2001	204	66,000	80
2002	200	69,500	80
U.S.			
2001 [1]	9,697	8,424,395	11,145
2002	9,521	8,506,131	11,150

[1] Revised

PRICES RECEIVED

COMMODITY	UNIT	NORTH CAROLINA			UNITED STATES		
		Dec. 2001	Nov. 2002	Dec. 2002	Dec. 2001	Nov. 2002	Dec. 2002
		Entire Month	*Entire Month*	*Mid Month*	*Entire Month*	*Entire Month*	*Mid Month*
				Dollars			
Tobacco, All [1]	Lb.	1.920	1.825	1.945	1.965	1.960	1.980
Corn	Bu.	2.45	2.82	2.80	1.98	2.27	2.29
Cotton	Lb.	.313	.414	.412	.308	.419	.425
Soybeans	Bu.	4.12	5.44	5.47	4.20	5.46	5.48
Peanuts, In Shell	Lb.	.181	.211	.207	.195	.180	.168
Hogs, All	Cwt.	33.70	28.60	30.50	33.30	27.80	30.00
Com'l Broilers [2]	Lb.	-	-	-	.370	.290	.290
Turkeys [2 3]	Lb.	.380	-	-	.387	.395	.384
Eggs [3 4]	Doz.	.340	.550	.510	.410	.563	.519
Milk, All [2]	Cwt.	-	-	-	13.50	11.80	11.90
Potatoes	Cwt.	-	-	-	6.66	6.25	6.91
Apples, Com'l. [1]	Lb.	-	-	-	.231	.268	.263
Hay, All [3]	Ton	-	-	-	95.60	93.60	92.60

[1] Entire month. [2] North Carolina monthly estimates discontinued. [3] Mid month.
[4] Market (Table) eggs including eggs sold retail by producers.

PRICES RECEIVED FOR SELECTED COMMODITIES

The average price received for all tobacco by North Carolina farmers in December 2002 was $1.945 per pound, up 12 cents from the previous month and 2.5 cents above a year ago. The December corn price, at $2.80 per bushel, was down 2 cents from a month earlier, but was 35 cents above a year ago. Cotton prices declined .2 cent in December to 41.2 cents per pound, but were 9.9 cents above a year ago. The December soybean price, at $5.47 per bushel, was up 3 cents from a month earlier and was $1.35 cents above a year ago. Peanuts, at 20.7 cents per pound, were down .4 cent from the previous month, but were 2.6 cents above a year ago.

Prices received for all hogs in December, at $30.50 per hundredweight, were up $1.90 from November, but were $3.20 below the previous year. The average price for table eggs, at 51 cents per dozen, was down 4 cents from a month earlier, but was up 17 cents from the previous year.

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CATTLE INVENTORY DOWN

All cattle and calves on North Carolina farms on January 1, 2003 are estimated at 920,000 head, down 3% from the 950,000 a year earlier. The number of beef cows that have calved totaled 417,000 head, down 4% from the previous year.The number of milk cows that have calved totaled 63,000 head, down 5% from the previous year.

The North Carolina calf crop for 2002, at 445,000 head, was down 1% from 2001.

All cattle and calves in the United States as of January 1, 2003 totaled 96.1 million, 1% below the 96.7 million on January 1, 2002 and 1% below the 97.3 million two years ago. Beef cows, at 33 million, were down 1% from both January 1, 2002 and January 1, 2001. Milk cows, at 9.15 million, were up slightly from January 1, 2002, but down slightly from two years ago.

The 2002 calf crop was estimated at 38.2 million, down slightly from 2001 and down 1% from two years ago.

CATTLE: NUMBER BY CLASS, JANUARY 1, 2002-2003 [1]

CLASS	NORTH CAROLINA			UNITED STATES		
	2002	2003	2003 as % of 2002	2002	2003	2003 as % of 2002
	Thousand Head		*Percent*	*Thousand Head*		*Percent*
All Cattle and Calves	950	920	97	96,704	96,106	99
Cows and Heifers That Have Calved	500	480	96	42,229	42,099	100
Beef Cows	434	417	96	33,118	32,947	99
Milk Cows	66	63	95	9,112	9,152	100
Heifers 500 lbs. and Over	123	120	98	19,678	19,601	100
For Beef Cow Replacement	73	73	100	5,561	5,608	101
For Milk Cow Replacement	30	28	93	4,060	4,104	101
Other Heifers	20	19	95	10,057	9,890	98
Steers 500 lbs. and Over	43	48	112	16,790	16,590	99
Bulls 500 lbs. and Over	34	32	94	2,244	2,253	100
Calves Under 500 lbs.	250	240	96	15,763	15,563	99
CLASS	2001	2002	2002 as % of 2001	2001	2002	2002 as % of 2001
	Thousand Head		*Percent*	*Thousand Head*		*Percent*
Calf Crop	450	445	99	38,280	38,193	100

[1] *Totals may not add due to rounding.*

RED MEAT PRODUCTION UP

Commercial red meat production in **North Carolina** during December 2002 totaled 184 million pounds dressed weight, up 10% from a year earlier. Commercial red meat production includes slaughter in federally inspected and other plants, but excludes animals slaughtered on farms. Commercial slaughter of livestock in North Carolina during December 2002 totaled 250 million pounds live weight, up 10% from a year earlier. Cattle slaughter, at 19 million pounds live weight, was 16% above a year earlier. Calf slaughter, at 54,000 pounds live weight, was down 16% from the previous year. Sheep and lamb slaughter, at 6,000 pounds live weight, was down 33% from a year earlier. Hog slaughter, at 231 million pounds live weight, was up 9% from a year earlier. The average live weight per head was: cattle, 1,030 pounds; calves, 388 pounds; sheep and lambs, 96 pounds; and hogs, 258 pounds.

Commercial red meat production for the **United States** during December 2002 totaled 3.86 billion pounds dressed weight, up 1% from the 3.81 billion pounds dressed weight produced in December 2001.

Beef production in the U.S. totaled 2.11 billion pounds dressed weight, down slightly from the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.77 million head, down slightly from a year earlier. The average live weight increased 9 pounds to 1,265. **Veal production** totaled 18.0 million pounds dressed weight, up 15% from the previous year. Calf slaughter totaled 98,300 head, up 16% from December 2001. The average live weight decreased 4 pounds to 305. **Pork production** totaled 1.72 billion pounds dressed weight, up 3% from a year earlier. Hog kill totaled 8.66 million head, up 3% from December 2001. The average live weight was unchanged at 268 pounds. **Lamb and mutton production**, at 18.5 million pounds dressed weight, was down 3% from the previous year. Sheep slaughter totaled 278,500 head, down slightly from a year earlier. The average live weight decreased 5 pounds to 133.

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER - DECEMBER

SPECIES	NORTH CAROLINA				UNITED STATES					
	Number Slaughtered [1]		Total Live Weight		Number Slaughtered [1]		Total Live Weight		Total Dressed Weight [2]	
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002
	Thous. Head		*Thous. Pounds*		*Million Head*		*Million Pounds*		*Million Pounds*	
Cattle	15.4	18.5	16,422	19,003	2.8	2.8	3,490	3,506	2,110	2,107
Calves	0.2	0.1	64	54	0.1	0.1	26	30	16	18
Sheep & Lambs	0.1	0.1	9	6	0.3	0.3	39	37	19	19
Hogs	829.2	859.7	211,458	230,910	8.4	8.7	2,255	2,317	1,668	1,715
TOTAL	844.9	878.4	227,953	249,973	11.6	11.9	5,810	5,890	3,814	3,859

[1] *Includes slaughter under Federal inspection and other commercial slaughter, excludes farm slaughter.*
[2] *Totals may not equal sum due to rounding.*

EGG PRODUCTION DOWN

North Carolina laying flocks produced 215 million eggs during December 2002, down slightly from a year earlier. Production consisted of 84 million table eggs and 131 million hatching eggs. Table eggs were up 5% while hatching eggs decreased 4% from a year earlier. The average number of layers on hand during December was 10.6 million, down 5% from a year earlier. This number consisted of 3.5 million layers for table eggs and 7.1 million for broiler-type and egg-type hatching eggs.

U.S. egg production totaled 7.38 billion during December 2002, down 1% from a year earlier. Production included 6.33 billion table eggs and 1.05 billion hatching eggs, of which 992 million were broiler-type and 61 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during December 2002 averaged 337 million, down 1% from a year earlier. December egg production per 100 layers was 2,187 eggs, compared to 2,188 eggs in December 2001.

All layers in the U.S. on January 1, 2003 totaled 338 million, down 1% from a year ago. The 338 million layers consisted of 279 million layers producing table or commercial type eggs, 55.7 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.65 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Daily rate of lay on January 1, 2003 averaged 69.8 eggs per 100 layers, unchanged from a year ago.

EGG PRODUCTION - DECEMBER

STATE	LAYERS ON HAND		TOTAL EGGS PRODUCED		TABLE EGGS		HATCHING EGGS	
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002
	Thousands		*Million Eggs*					
North Carolina	**11,160**	**10,612**	**216**	**215**	**80**	**84**	**136**	**131**
Alabama	10,443	9,778	200	183	64	53	136	130
Florida	10,881	10,534	246	229	231	219	15	10
Georgia	21,489	20,005	444	430	265	257	179	173
South Carolina	5,684	5,284	128	111	110	93	18	18
UNITED STATES	339,105	337,398	7,420	7,380	6,343	6,326	1,076	1,053

EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED UP

Nationally, egg-type chicks hatched during December 2002 totaled 32.2 million, up 2% from December 2001. Eggs in incubators totaled 30.1 million on January 1, 2003, down 4% from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 187,000 during December 2002, down 9% from December 2001.

CHICKS HATCHED - DECEMBER

STATE	BROILER-TYPE		
	2001	2002	2002 as % of 2001
	Thousands		*Percent*
North Carolina	**67,404**	**64,968**	**96**
Alabama	107,548	102,392	95
Arkansas	111,607	107,716	97
Delaware	12,719	12,642	99
Florida	8,612	7,748	90
Georgia	113,555	110,347	97
Kentucky	22,482	23,945	107
Maryland	31,445	34,842	111
Mississippi	68,571	68,360	100
Oklahoma	23,116	22,865	99
Pennsylvania	13,549	12,688	94
South Carolina	16,491	16,287	99
Texas	54,206	55,602	103
Virginia	24,258	22,935	95
California, Louisiana, Missouri, Tennessee & West Virginia	74,267	70,560	95
19 States [1]	749,830	733,897	98
Other States [2]	19,901	19,736	99
UNITED STATES	769,731	753,633	98

[1] States in the weekly hatchery production estimating program are those listed above. [2] Not published separately to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

CHICKS HATCHED - DECEMBER

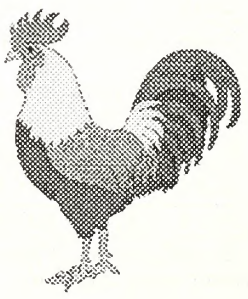
STATE	EGG-TYPE		
	2001	2002	2002 as % of 2001
	Thousands		*Percent*
Arkansas	651	716	110
Florida	998	700	70
Georgia	2,269	2,319	102
Indiana	4,153	4,864	117
Iowa	4,414	5,228	118
Minnesota	1,095	1,493	136
Pennsylvania	4,565	4,349	95
Other States [1]	13,512	12,484	92
UNITED STATES	31,657	32,153	102

[1] Not published separately to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

BROILER HATCH DOWN

North Carolina commercial hatcheries produced 65.0 million broiler-type chicks during December 2002, down 4% from the 67.4 million a year ago.

Nationally, the December 2002 hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 754 million, was down 2% from the previous year. There were 623 million eggs in incubators on January 1, 2003, down 2% from a year earlier. Leading breeders placed 6.5 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during December 2002, down 2% from December 2001.



CATTLE ON FEED DOWN

Nationally, cattle and calves on feed January 1, 2003 in feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head for slaughter totaled 10.6 million head, down 8% from a year earlier and 10% below January 1, 2001.

Placements in feedlots during December totaled 1.59 million, 1% above a year ago, but 6% below two years ago. Net placements were 1.49 million head. During December, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 421,000, 600-699 pounds were 507,000, 700-799 pounds were 407,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 255,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during December 2002 totaled 1.80 million, down 1% from a year earlier, but 3% above two years ago. Other disappearance totaled 99,000 head during December, up 6% from the previous year and 4% above two years ago.

CATTLE ON FEED: NUMBER ON FEED, 1,000 + Capacity Feedlots [1]

STATE	JANUARY 1, 2002	DECEMBER 1, 2002	JANUARY 1, 2003	
			NUMBER	2003 as % of 2002
	1,000 Head			*Percent*
Arizona	305	295	289	95
California	480	500	490	102
Colorado	1,180	1,070	1,020	86
Idaho	330	300	295	89
Iowa	355	350	355	100
Kansas	2,480	2,300	2,200	89
Nebraska	2,230	2,180	2,140	96
New Mexico	108	123	119	110
Oklahoma	360	340	330	92
S Dakota	195	195	205	105
Texas	2,880	2,700	2,630	91
Washington	247	195	180	73
Other States	415	350	335	81
UNITED STATES	11,565	10,898	10,588	92

[1] Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

TURKEY EGGS AND PLACEMENTS DOWN

Nationally, turkey eggs in incubators on January 1, 2003 totaled 30.9 million, down 4% from a year ago. The 24.2 million poults placed during December 2002 in the U.S. were down 1% from the number placed during the same month a year ago. Placements were up 1% from the November 2002 total of 24.0 million. Regional placement percent changes from the previous year were: N & S Atlantic, up 3%; E N Central, up slightly; W N Central, up 3%; S Central, down 23%; and West, down 12%.

TURKEY HATCHERY - JANUARY 1

GEOGRAPHIC DIVISION	Eggs in Incubators January 1			Poults Placed During December [1]		
	2002	2003	2003 as % of 2002	2001	2002	2002 as % of 2001
	Thousands		*Percent*	*Thousands*		*Percent*
North & South Atlantic	**10,149**	**9,363**	**92**	**7,649**	**7,907**	**103**
East North Central	4,839	4,860	100	3,646	3,653	100
West North Central	11,282	11,494	102	8,671	8,929	103
South Central	3,240	2,650	82	2,695	2,088	77
West	2,616	2,539	97	1,838	1,611	88
UNITED STATES	32,126	30,906	96	24,499	24,188	99

[1] Regional placements refer to poults placed from hatcheries located in that region, and not the actual location of the birds after placement.

PRICES RECEIVED FOR SELECTED COMMODITIES

The average price received for all tobacco by North Carolina farmers in January 2003 was $1.905 per pound, down 2.5 cents from the previous month and 1.5 cents below a year ago. The January corn price, at $2.86 per bushel, was down 13 cents from a month earlier, but was 57 cents above a year ago. Cotton prices rose .2 cent in January to 43.6 cents per pound and were 9.8 cents above a year ago. The January soybean price, at $5.37 per bushel, was down 5 cents from a month earlier, but was $1.12 above a year ago.

Prices received for all hogs in January, at $34.00 per hundredweight, were up $3.20 from December, but were $5.00 below the previous year. The average price for table eggs, at 55 cents per dozen, were up 4 cents from a month earlier and 9 cents above the previous year.

PRICES RECEIVED

COMMODITY	UNIT	NORTH CAROLINA			UNITED STATES		
		Jan. 2002	Dec. 2002	Jan. 2003	Jan. 2002	Dec. 2002	Jan. 2003
		Entire Month	*Entire Month*	*Mid Month*	*Entire Month*	*Entire Month*	*Mid Month*
					Dollars		
Tobacco, All [1]	Lb.	1.920	1.930	1.905	2.025	1.980	1.970
Corn	Bu.	2.29	2.99	2.86	1.97	2.32	2.27
Cotton	Lb.	.338	.434	.436	.273	.421	.432
Soybeans	Bu.	4.25	5.42	5.37	4.22	5.46	5.38
Peanuts, In Shell	Lb.	.176	-	-	.135	.176	.174
Hogs, All	Cwt.	39.00	30.80	34.00	37.70	30.30	31.80
Com'l Broilers [2]	Lb.	-	-	-	.370	.290	.350
Turkeys [2 3]	Lb.	-	-	-	.341	.384	.346
Eggs [3 4]	Doz.	.460	.510	.550	.450	.519	.529
Milk, All [2]	Cwt.	-	-	-	13.40	11.90	11.80
Potatoes	Cwt.	-	-	-	6.90	6.69	6.82
Apples, Com'l. [1]	Lb.	-	-	-	.221	.263	.258
Hay, All [3]	Ton	-	-	-	91.70	92.60	92.90

[1] Entire month. [2] North Carolina monthly estimates discontinued. [3] Mid month. [4] Market (Table) eggs including eggs sold retail by producers.

NORTH CAROLINA PRICES RECEIVED INDEX

The January 2003 "All Farm Products" index of prices received by North Carolina farmers, at 252% of its 1967 base, was up 4 points from the previous month. Contributing most to the increase were higher prices for cotton, hogs and eggs. The index was 5 points above a year earlier.

The January 2003 "All Crops" index, at 265, was down 4 points from the previous month, but was 8 points above a year earlier. The "Livestock and Livestock Products" index for January 2003, at 229, was up 18 points from the previous month, but was unchanged from the previous year.

The meat animals index for January 2003, at 219, was up 19 points from the previous month, but was 25 points below a year ago. The poultry index, at 241, was up 23 points from the previous month and was 22 points above a year earlier. The dairy index, at 209 was identical to a month earlier, but was 30 points below the previous year.

FARM PRICES INDEX NUMBERS

INDEX (1967 = 100)	Jan. 15 2001[1]	Jan. 15 2002[1]	Dec. 15 2002[1]	Jan. 15 2003
NORTH CAROLINA				
Prices Received: All Farm Products	254	247	248	252
All Crops	267	257	269	265
Tobacco	296	293	294	290
Oil Bearing	204	156	193	192
Grains	173	167	216	207
Commercial Vegetables	199	196	206	206
Fruits	318	318	318	318
Livestock and Livestock Products	230	229	211	229
Meat Animals	247	244	200	219
Poultry	215	219	218	241
Dairy	248	239	209	209
UNITED STATES				
Prices Received, All Farm Products	246	242	249	252
Prices Paid, Commodities & Services [2]	488	479	[4]	492
Parity Ratio [3]	50	51	[4]	51

[1] Revised. [2] Including Interest, Taxes and Farm Wage Rates. [3] Ratio of Index of Prices Received by Farmers to Index of Prices Paid. [4] Available quarterly following February 1986 Survey.

PEANUT STOCKS DOWN

Peanut stocks in commercial storage December 31, 2002 in the United States were down 42% from last year and totaled 2.41 billion pounds of equivalent farmer stock, compared to 4.12 billion pounds last year. This total includes 1.76 billion pounds of actual farmer stock.

Shelled peanuts on hand totaled 614 million pounds of farmer stock equivalent. Roasting stock totaled 38.3 million pounds. There were no Commodity Credit Corporation uncommitted stocks on hand as of December 31, 2002.

Shelled peanut stocks totaled 462 million pounds of which 438 million pounds were edible grades and 24.0 million pounds were oil stocks. Edible grade stocks by type were 75.8 million pounds of Virginias, 338 million pounds of Runners, and 24.1 million pounds of Spanish.

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2002 ANNUAL CROP SUMMARY

North Carolina **flue-cured tobacco** production for 2002 was down sharply from the previous year primarily due to the effects of the extended drought. The crop was also negatively impacted by higher than normal levels of disease, and late season rains caused some areas to have a late maturing crop. Production decreased 8% from the previous year and the average yield of 2,134 for 2002 is 293 pounds less than the yield for 2001. Harvested area, at 163,000 acres, was 8,000 acres more than 2001.

U.S. flue-cured production is estimated at 526 million pounds, 9% less than a year ago and 12% less than 2000. Yield per acre, at 2,137 pounds, is down 295 pounds from last year's crop and 259 pounds below 2000. Acres harvested, at 246,100, are up 3% from a year ago, but are 2% below 2000. Prospects for 2003 are down due to a 9.6% cut in quota for 2003.

North Carolina **burley tobacco** production, also impacted by the drought and disease in 2002, decreased 12% from 2001, totaling 9.5 million pounds. Yield, at 1,500 pounds per acre, is 100 pounds below a year ago. Harvested area is estimated at 6,300 acres, 6% below last year.

U.S. burley production totaled 304 million pounds in 2002, 9% below a year ago. The 159,600 acres harvested is 3% below the year 2001 harvested acres. Yield per acre averaged 1,904 pounds in 2002, 129 pounds below a year ago. Burley quota was cut 11% for 2003.

Cotton production for the State was down sharply in 2002 due to drought early in the growing season and heavy rains late in the year. The 2002 cotton crop is estimated to total 790,000 bales, down 53% from last year's record crop of 1,673,000 bales. Yield per acre, at 412 pounds, is the lowest since 1983 and down significantly from last year's record yield of 832 pounds. Harvested acres decreased from 965,000 in 2001 to 920,000 in 2002. Despite an increase in the average price per pound from 31.7 cents per pound in 2001 to 42.0 cents in 2002, North Carolina's 2002 cotton crop is valued at $159 million, down 37% from the 2001 crop. The decreased value is due to the dramatic decline in production and quality.

All U.S. cotton production is estimated at 17.1 million bales, 16% less than last year's record high production. Yield averaged 663 pounds per harvested acre, down 42 pounds per harvested acre from a year ago. Harvested area, at 12.4 million acres, is 10% below 2001.

North Carolina's 2002 **corn for grain** production totaled 58.1 million bushels, 26% less than the 2001 crop of 78.1 million bushels. Acres harvested increased 75,000 from 2001 to 700,000 acres. However, yield, at 83 bushels per acre, was down significantly from last year's record of 125 bushels. The average price farmer's received for their corn increased from $2.36 per bushel in 2001 to $2.90 in 2002. Due to the decline in production, the total value of corn for grain decreased 9% from 2001 to $168 million. Acres harvested for **silage** were down 2,000 from last year to 70,000 acres. Silage yield, at 13 tons per acre, was down from last year's record yield of 19 tons per acre.

U.S. corn for grain production is estimated at 9.01 billion bushels, down 5% from the 9.51 billion bushels produced in 2001. The average U.S. grain yield is estimated at 130 bushels per acre, down 8.2 bushels from 2001.

The State's **soybean** production is estimated at 30.1 million bushels, down 30% from 2001. Acres harvested were down 70,000 from last year to 1.28 million. The average yield declined from 32 bushels per acre in 2001 to 23.5 this year. There were 1.36 million acres of soybeans planted in the State in 2002, compared to 1.38 million last year. The value of the 2002 soybean crop was $165 million, down 11% from 2001. While the average price per bushel increased significantly from $4.29 in 2001 to $5.50 in 2002, this was more than offset by reduced production.

U.S. soybean production in 2002 totaled 2.73 billion bushels, 6% below 2001. The average yield per acre in 2002 is estimated at 37.8 bushels per acre, 1.8 bushels below the 2001 yield.

North Carolina's 2002 harvested **wheat** acreage increased 2% from last year to 480,000. Yield increased to 42 bushels per acre from 39 bushels in 2001. Production, at 20.2 million bushels, was 10% above last year. Total value of the wheat crop increased to $60.5 million, 37% above a year ago. Price per bushel, at $3.00, was 60 cents above last year.

Due to a decrease in both harvested acreage and yield per acre, U.S. all wheat production decreased 17% to 1.62 billion bushels. Total harvested acres, at 45.8 million, decreased 6% from last year, while yield dropped 4.9 bushels to average 35.3 bushels per acre.

North Carolina **peanut** growers had a very difficult year, experiencing extremely dry weather during the growing season when it is typically wet and then receiving an abundance of rainfall during the harvest season when it is typically dry. Both weather conditions, along with a substantial reduction in acres, severely reduced the production for 2002. Production is forecast at 210 million pounds, 41% below 2001. The average yield for 2002, at 2,100 pounds, is 810 pounds less than last year. Harvested acres are estimated at 100,000, 22,500 less than 2001. The marketing year average price for 2002 is 20.8 cents per pound compared with 24.8 cents for the previous year.

U.S. production of peanuts in 2002 totaled 3.32 billion pounds, 22% below the 2001 crop. Harvested area totaled 1.3 million acres, an 8% decrease from 2001. The U.S. yield per harvested acre averaged 2,561 pounds, down 468 pounds from 2001.

North Carolina **sweetpotato** production in 2002 totaled 481 million pounds, down 14% from 2001. Harvested area, at 37,000 acres, was up 1,000 acres from a year earlier. Average yield per acre is estimated at 13,000 pounds, down 2,500 pounds from a year ago. The sweetpotato crop is valued at $62.5 million, down 7% from 2001. The average price, at 13 cents per pound, is 1 cent above the previous year.

U.S. production of sweetpotatoes is estimated at 1.25 billion pounds for 2002, down 14% from a year earlier. Growers harvested 83,300 acres in 2002, down 12% from last year. The average yield is 15,000 pounds per acre, down 500 pounds from the previous crop.

The production of **Irish potatoes** in North Carolina increased 2% in 2002 to 357 million pounds. The average yield of 17,000 pounds per acre decreased 2,000 pounds from a year ago. Harvested acres, at 21,000, were up 14% from 2001. Value of production, at $29.8 million, increased 41% from the 2001 crop. An average price of 8.4 cents per pound was realized, compared to 6.0 cents last year.

The North Carolina **sorghum** crop is estimated at 540,000 bushels, 30% below the 2001 production. Yield per acre averaged 45 bushels, 25 bushels less than the previous season. Acres harvested, at 12,000, was up 1,000 from 2001. The value of the crop, at $1.27 million, decreased 21% from last year with the per bushel price increasing 25 cents to $2.35.

U.S. sorghum grain production in 2002 was estimated at 370 million bushels, down 28% from 2001. Area harvested for grain was estimated at 7.3 million acres, down

CROPS [1]	PLANTED ACREAGE			HARVESTED ACREAGE			UNIT	YI
	2000	2001	2002	2000	2001	2002		200
NORTH CAROLINA		*Thousands*			*Thousand*			
FIELD CROPS								
Barley	30	28	31	18	18	20	Bu.	
Corn for Grain [4]	730	700	790	640	625	700	Bu.	1
Corn for Silage [5]	-	-	-	85	72	70	Ton	
Cotton, Upland [6]	930	970	940	925	965	920	Lb.	7
Cottonseed	-	-	-	-	-	-	Ton	
Hay: Alfalfa [7]	-	-	-	20	20	20	Ton	2.
Other	-	-	-	690	690	730	Ton	2.
All	-	-	-	710	710	750	Ton	2.
Irish Potatoes	17.5	19.5	21.5	17.0	18.5	21.0	Cwt.	2
Oats	60	60	75	30	30	35	Bu.	
Peanuts	123.0	123.0	101.0	123.0	122.5	100.0	Lb.	2,7
Sorghum for Grain [4]	18	15	17	12	11	12	Bu.	
Sorghum for Silage [5]	-	-	-	5	3	3	Ton	
Soybeans for Beans	1,400	1,380	1,360	1,360	1,350	1,280	Bu.	32
Sweetpotatoes	38	37	40	37	36	37	Cwt.	1
Tobacco:								
Flue-cured	-	-	-	163.0	155.0	163.0	Lb.	2,4
Type 11	-	-	-	40.0	42.0	44.0	Lb.	2,5
Type 12	-	-	-	102.0	93.0	95.0	Lb.	2,4
Type 13	-	-	-	21.0	20.0	24.0	Lb.	2,3
Burley	-	-	-	7.4	6.7	6.3	Lb.	1,6
All	-	-	-	170.4	161.7	169.3	Lb.	2,3
Wheat	720	680	650	550	470	480	Bu.	
FRUITS AND NUTS					*Actual Acres*			
Apples, Commercial [8]	-	-	-	9,000	8,000	7,000	Lb.	21,1
Blueberries [8]	-	-	-	3,600	2,700	3,700	Lb.	4,8
Grapes [8]	-	-	-	600	700	850	Ton	3.
Peaches [8]	-	-	-	1,400	1,200	1,200	Lb.	8,5
Pecans, Improved	-	-	-	-	-	-	Lb.	
Seedlings	-	-	-	-	-	-	Lb.	
All	-	-	-	-	-	-	Lb.	
VEGETABLES		*Actual Acres*			*Actual Acres*			
FRESH MARKET								
Bell Peppers	7,100	7,000	7,400	6,900	6,300	7,000	Cwt.	1
Cabbage, All [9]	9,300	9,400	9,500	9,000	9,100	9,000	Cwt.	1
Chile Peppers [10]	700	650	-	700	650	-	Cwt.	1
Collard Greens [10]	2,700	2,800	-	2,600	2,700	-	Cwt.	1
Cucumbers	6,900	7,300	7,500	6,800	6,900	7,000	Cwt.	1
Eggplants [10]	300	310	-	300	310	-	Cwt.	1
Lima Beans [10]	1,100	1,200	-	1,000	1,100	-	Cwt.	
Mustard Greens [10]	1,500	1,400	-	1,400	1,300	-	Cwt.	
Snap Beans, All	8,000	8,100	8,200	7,900	7,600	7,300	Cwt.	
Squash	4,200	4,300	4,200	4,000	4,100	3,800	Cwt.	1
Strawberries, All	1,800	1,800	1,900	1,700	1,700	1,800	Cwt.	1
Sweet Corn	8,400	8,700	8,700	8,100	8,200	8,100	Cwt.	1
Tomatoes	2,600	2,700	3,000	2,400	2,600	2,700	Cwt.	2
Turnip Greens [10]	2,100	2,200	-	2,000	2,100	-	Cwt.	
Watermelons	10,900	10,600	10,100	10,000	9,500	9,600	Cwt.	1
PROCESSING								
Cucumbers	18,200	18,200	18,500	18,000	17,600	18,000	Ton	5.
UNITED STATES		*Thousand*			*Thousand*			
Barley	5,864	4,967	5,073	5,213	4,289	4,135	Bu.	6
Corn for Grain [4]	79,551	75,752	79,054	72,440	68,808	69,313	Bu.	13
Cotton, All [6]	15,517.2	15,768.5	13,962.6	13,053.0	13,827.7	12,413.3	Lb.	6
Hay, All	-	-	-	59,854	63,521	64,497	Ton	2.
Oats	4,477	4,403	5,005	2,329	1,905	2,098	Bu.	6
Peanuts	1,536.8	1,541.2	1,358.0	1,336.0	1,411.9	1,296.7	Lb.	2,4
Sorghum, Grain [4]	9,195	10,252	9,580	7,726	8,584	7,299	Bu.	6
Soybeans for Beans	74,266	74,075	73,758	72,408	72,975	72,160	Bu.	3
Sweetpotatoes	98.0	99.1	97.2	94.9	94.4	83.3	Cwt.	1
Tobacco:								
Flue-cured	-	-	-	250.0	238.1	246.1	Lb.	2,3
Burley	-	-	-	185.4	164.3	159.6	Lb.	1,9
All	-	-	-	472.4	432.3	430.3	Lb.	2,2
Wheat, All	62,629	59,597	60,358	53,133	48,633	45,817	Bu.	4

[1] Revised. [2] Received by Farmers. [3] Values are for the crop year and should not be confused with calendar year income. [4] Planted for all purpose vegetables started in 2000 and discontinued in 2001. [11] Flue-cured and Burley released May 12, 2003.

North Carolina and United States, 2000-2002

PRODUCTION			PRICE PER UNIT [2]			VALUE OF PRODUCTION [3]		
2000	2001	2002	2000	2001	2002	2000	2001	2002
Thousands			*Dollars*			*Thousand Dollars*		
1,440	1,206	1,380	1.55	1.50	1.60	2,232	1,809	2,208
74,240	78,125	58,100	2.01	2.36	2.90	149,222	184,375	168,490
1,275	1,368	910	-	-	-	-	-	-
1,429	1,673	790	0.530	0.317	0.420	363,538	254,564	159,264
508	559	271	89.50	79.50	94.00	45,466	44,441	25,474
54	60	36	110.00	120.00	125.00	5,940	7,200	4,500
1,794	1,518	1,095	70.00	70.00	80.00	125,580	106,260	87,600
1,848	1,578	1,131	71.00	72.00	81.50	131,520	113,460	92,100
3,400	3,515	3,570	6.50	6.00	8.35	22,100	21,090	29,810
2,100	1,680	1,995	1.45	1.65	1.80	3,045	2,772	3,591
338,250	356,475	210,000	0.273	0.248	0.208	92,342	88,406	43,680
600	770	540	2.00	2.10	2.35	1,200	1,617	1,270
55	30	15	-	-	-	-	-	-
44,200	43,200	30,080	4.51	4.29	5.50	199,342	185,328	165,440
5,550	5,580	4,810	12.30	12.00	13.00	68,265	66,960	62,530
394,660	376,200	347,900	1.798	1.856	[11]	709,775	698,114	[11]
100,000	105,000	96,800	1.817	1.856	[11]	181,700	194,880	[11]
245,310	223,200	199,500	1.795	1.857	[11]	440,331	414,482	[11]
49,350	48,000	51,600	1.778	1.849	[11]	87,744	88,752	[11]
11,840	10,720	9,450	1.968	1.950	[11]	23,301	20,904	[11]
406,500	386,920	357,350	1.803	1.858	1.822	733,076	719,018	650,957
27,500	18,330	20,160	2.35	2.40	3.00	64,625	43,992	60,480
145,000	107,000	150,000	0.126	0.149	0.126	18,225	15,931	18,882
17,500	13,500	15,500	1.040	1.400	1.450	18,130	18,900	22,534
2.3	2.0	2.3	1,160.00	1,270.00	1,280.00	2,661	2,532	2,934
12,000	3,500	10,000	0.37	0.40	0.35	4,440	1,400	3,500
1,400	2,700	1,500	1.15	0.65	1.00	1,610	1,755	1,500
200	500	400	0.80	0.45	0.65	160	225	260
1,600	3,200	1,900	1.110	0.619	0.926	1,770	1,980	1,760
828	788	910	21.00	20.50	22.00	17,388	16,154	20,020
1,620	1,911	1,980	9.00	8.80	9.00	14,580	16,817	17,820
70	72	-	19.00	25.00	-	1,330	1,800	-
286	243	-	30.00	26.00	-	8,580	6,318	-
850	828	805	14.00	13.00	15.00	11,900	10,764	12,075
45	37	-	20.00	21.00	-	900	777	-
50	33	-	35.00	45.00	-	1,750	1,485	-
105	91	-	29.00	27.00	-	3,045	2,457	-
474	342	365	29.00	26.00	30.00	13,746	8,892	10,950
400	390	380	23.00	25.00	27.00	9,200	9,750	10,260
231	196	225	75.00	85.00	85.00	17,325	16,660	19,125
810	861	729	15.00	14.80	15.50	12,150	12,743	11,300
696	832	891	30.00	28.00	27.00	20,880	23,296	24,057
160	147	-	28.00	26.00	-	4,480	3,822	-
1,600	1,473	1,632	6.00	5.70	6.50	9,600	8,396	10,608
90	86	81	270.00	280.00	290.00	24,300	24,147	23,490
Thousands			*Dollars*			*Thousand Dollars*		
318,728	249,420	226,873	2.11	2.22	2.70	649,130	536,582	596,759
9,915,051	9,506,840	9,007,659	1.85	1.97	2.35	18,499,002	18,888,389	21,213,159
17,188.3	20,302.8	17,145.0	0.516	0.320	0.437	4,260,417	3,121,848	3,593,816
151,921	156,764	150,962	84.60	96.50	94.00	11,416,651	12,602,534	12,432,729
149,545	117,024	119,132	1.10	1.59	1.75	175,797	195,711	211,849
3,265,505	4,276,704	3,320,490	0.274	0.234	0.179	896,097	1,000,512	594,426
470,526	514,524	369,758	1.89	1.94	2.41	847,075	979,794	883,690
2,757,810	2,890,682	2,729,709	4.54	4.38	5.40	12,466,572	12,605,717	14,755,470
13,794	14,637	12,498	15.30	15.40	17.00	210,564	224,795	213,020
598,915	579,091	525,940	1.793	1.857	[11]	1,073,952	1,075,510	[11]
362,788	334,066	303,895	1.963	1.973	[11]	712,035	659,122	[11]
1,052,999	991,552	889,632	1.910	1.920	1.907	2,001,775	1,952,120	1,726,013
2,232,460	1,957,043	1,616,441	2.62	2.78	3.60	5,782,107	5,440,217	5,863,378

on in 480-lb. net weight bales. [7] Includes alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures. [8] Utilized production. [9] Includes small quanties for processing. [10] Fresh market

15% from 2001. The sorghum grain average yield, at 50.7 bushels per acre, was 9.2 bushels below the 2001 average.

Drought conditions limited **hay** production to 1.13 million tons, down 28% from 2001. Scarce hay supplies pushed the average price per ton to $81.50 compared to $72.00 in 2001. The value of the State's hay crop was down 19% from 2001 and totaled $92 million.

All U.S. hay production in 2002 was estimated at 151 million tons, down 4% from 2001.

Commercial 2002 total **apple** production in the Tar Heel State, at 160 million pounds, increased 43% from the previous year's 112 million pounds. Utilized production, or the actual amount of apples that were harvested, was 150 million pounds, up 40% from last year. Apple growers escaped early season freezes this year to attain mostly normal production levels. However, some areas did suffer from the drought, preventing apples from sizing to their potential, and some growers lost portions of their production when high winds from Hurricane Isidore blew apples off the trees, just prior to harvest. The apples that were harvested brought an average price of 12.6 cents per pound, which translates to a total value of production of $18.9 million.

Total U.S. commercial apple production is estimated at 8.59 billion pounds in 2002, 9% below the 2001 crop. Nationally, 99% of the total production was utilized.

North Carolina **blueberry** growers rebounded nicely from last year's freeze-reduced crop to achieve a total production of 17 million pounds, a 23% increase from 2001. Area harvested in 2002, at 3,700 acres, is up 1,000 acres from a year earlier. Yield per harvested acre averaged 4,190 pounds compared to 5,000 pounds in 2001. North Carolina growers received an average price of $1.76 per pound for fresh market sales and 63 cents per pound for processing sales. The average price for all sales, at $1.45 per pound, compares with $1.40 per pound in 2001. The value of production for the 2002 crop totaled $22.5 million compared to $18.9 million last year.

North Carolina **peach** production in 2002 totaled 10 million pounds compared to 3.5 million last year. Acres of bearing age trees totaled 1,200 in 2002, unchanged from 2001. The crop is valued at $3.5 million, up 150% from the 2001 crop value of $1.4 million. Average price received, at 35 cents per pound, compares with 40 cents per pound in 2001.

Utilized **grape** production in the State in 2002 totaled 2,300 tons, up 300 tons from the 2001. The crop is valued at $2.9 million, up 16% from the 2001 crop. The 2002 crop brought $1,280 per ton, $10 per ton above the previous year.

The 2002 **pecan** crop in North Carolina totaled 1.90 million pounds, down 41% from 2001 crop. The crop is valued at $1.8 million, down 11% from the previous year. The 2002 price averaged 92.6 cents per pound compared to 61.9 cents in 2001.

North Carolina production of **processed cucumbers** totaled 81,000 tons, 6% less than the 2001 production. The value of the crop, placed at $23.5 million, was 3% less than a year earlier. Farmers received an average price of $290 per ton, up $10 from 2001. The value of **fresh market vegetables** was estimated at $136 million in 2002, up 10% from 2001. **Fresh market cucumber** production totaled 80.5 million pounds, down 3% from a year earlier. Value of production totaled $12.1 million, up 12% from 2001. **Tomato** growers produced 89.1 million pounds of tomatoes, 7% more than 2001. The value of the crop is estimated at $24.1 million compared to $23.3 million a year ago. **Bell pepper** production is estimated at 91.0 million pounds, 15% above 2001. The crop is valued at $20.0 million, 24% more than last year. **Strawberry** farmers produced 22.5 million pounds of strawberries in 2002, up 15% from the previous year. The value of the crop is estimated at $19.1 million compared to $16.7 million a year ago. All **cabbage** production totaled 198 million pounds, 4% more than 2001. The value of the crop is placed at $17.8 million compared to $16.8 million in 2001. **Sweet corn** production, at 72.9 million pounds, is valued at $11.3 million compared to $12.7 million in 2001. **Snap bean** production is estimated at 36.5 million pounds, up 7% from last year. The value of production, at $11.0 million, compared to $8.9 million the previous year. Producers harvested 163 million pounds of **watermelons**, valued at $10.6 million. The value of **squash** totaled $10.3 and was up 5% from 2001. Production, at 38.0 million pounds, was down 3% from the previous year. Individual estimates for chile peppers, lima beans, eggplants, collard greens, mustard greens and turnip greens were discontinued after being in the estimate program for 2000 and 2001.

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N. C. EGG PRODUCTION STEADY UNITED STATES UP

North Carolina laying flocks produced 214 million eggs during January 2003, unchanged from a year earlier. Production consisted of 81 million table eggs and 133 million hatching eggs. Table eggs increased 5%, while hatching eggs decreased 3% from a year earlier. The average number of layers on hand during January was 10.8 million, down 2% from a year earlier. This number consisted of 3.4 million layers for table eggs and 7.4 million for broiler-type and egg-type hatching eggs.

U.S. egg production totaled 7.34 billion during January 2003, up 1% from a year earlier. Production included 6.25 billion table eggs and 1.08 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.02 billion were broiler-type and 64 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during January 2003 averaged 338 million, down slightly from the previous year. January egg production per 100 layers was 2,170 eggs, up 1% from 2,143 eggs in January 2002.

All layers in the U.S. on February 1, 2003 totaled 339 million, up slightly from a year ago. The 339 million layers consisted of 279 million layers producing table type eggs, 56.3 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.71 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Daily rate of lay on February 1, 2003, averaged 70.1 eggs per 100 layers, up 2% from a year earlier.

EGG PRODUCTION - JANUARY

STATE	LAYERS ON HAND		TOTAL EGGS PRODUCED		TABLE EGGS		HATCHING EGGS	
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003
	Thousands		*Million Eggs*					
North Carolina	**11,078**	**10,845**	**214**	**214**	**77**	**81**	**137**	**133**
Alabama	10,583	9,989	202	189	64	52	138	137
Florida	10,866	10,601	233	230	218	221	15	9
Georgia	21,391	19,883	420	414	243	242	177	172
South Carolina	5,557	5,298	117	110	99	91	18	19
UNITED STATES	338,966	338,122	7,264	7,337	6,170	6,254	1,093	1,082

HIRED WORKERS DOWN

During the survey week of January 12-18, 2003, farms in the Appalachian I Region (North Carolina and Virginia) hired 27,000 workers. This is down from 29,000 hired in January of 2002, and seasonally down from the 42,000 estimated working in October 2002. The average wage rate for the Appalachian I region was $9.34, up $0.62 from January 2002.

There were 884,000 workers hired on the Nation's farms and ranches during the week of January 12-18, 2003, down 1% from a year ago. Of these hired workers, 724,000 workers were hired directly by farm operators. This compares with 707,000 workers hired directly by farm operators during the January 2002 survey week. Agricultural service employees on farms and ranches made up the remaining 160,000 workers in January 2003. Nationally, farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of $9.32 per hour during the January 2003 survey week, up $0.35 from January 2002.

WAGE RATES FOR HIRED WORKERS [1], January 12-18, 2003 WITH COMPARISONS [2]

Region [3]	Type of Work						Number of Hired Workers	
	Field		Livestock		All Hired [4]			
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003
	Dollars Per Hour						*(000)*	
Appalachian I	7.73	8.22	7.94	8.58	8.72	9.34	29	27
Appalachian II	6.72	7.34	7.18	7.87	7.29	7.98	25	32
Southeast	7.56	7.50	7.61	8.96	8.08	8.87	25	24
US [5]	8.25	8.29	8.20	8.91	8.97	9.32	707	724

[1] Excludes agricultural service workers. [2] Survey period in 2002 was January 6-12. [3] Appalachian I: NC, VA; Appalachian II: KY, TN, WV; Southeast: AL, GA, SC. [4] All Hired Workers includes supervisory and other workers. Piece rates not included. [5] Excludes Alaska.

CHICKS HATCHED - JANUARY

STATE	EGG-TYPE		
	2002	2003	2003 as % of 2002
	Thousands		*Percent*
Arkansas	805	806	100
Florida	497	665	134
Georgia	2,231	2,500	112
Indiana	4,855	5,269	109
Iowa	5,720	5,402	94
Minnesota	1,319	1,436	109
Pennsylvania	4,540	4,353	96
Other States [1]	15,566	13,068	84
UNITED STATES	35,533	33,499	94

[1] Not published separately to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED DOWN

Nationally, egg-type chicks hatched during January 2003 totaled 33.5 million, down 6% from January 2002. Eggs in incubators totaled 27.5 million on February 1, 2003, down 14% from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 198,000 during January 2003, down 13% from January 2002.

N. C. HONEY PRODUCTION UP UNITED STATES DOWN

Commercial honey producers in North Carolina with five or more colonies produced 714,000 pounds of honey in 2002, up 25% from a year ago. The estimated 14,000 colonies were up 8% from 2001. Yield per colony averaged 51 pounds, up 7 pounds from 2001. Average price for the 2002 crop, at $1.36 per pound, was down 12 cents from a year earlier. The value of commercial honey production totaled $971,000, up 15% from 2001.

Nationally, honey production in 2002 from producers with five or more colonies totaled 171 million pounds, down 8% from 2001. There were 2.52 million colonies producing honey in 2002, up 1% from 2001. Yield per colony averaged 67.8 pounds, down 8% from the 74.0 pounds in 2001. Colonies which produced in more than one state were counted in each state and yields per colony may therefore be understated. Colonies were not counted if honey was not harvested. Producer honey stocks were 39.0 million pounds on December 15, 2002, down 40% from a year earlier.

At the U.S. level, prices for the 2002 crop averaged 128.6 cents per pound and was a new record high. The price was 83% above the 70.4 cents in 2001. Prices are based on retail sales by producers and sales to private processors and cooperatives. State level honey prices reflect the portions of honey sold through retail, co-op and private channels.

BROILER HATCH DOWN

North Carolina commercial hatcheries produced 66.0 million broiler-type chicks during January 2003, down 3% from a year earlier.

Nationally, the January 2003 hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 760 million, was down 2% from the previous year. There were 630 million broiler-type eggs in incubators on February 1, 2003, down 1% from a year earlier. Leading breeders placed 6.3 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during January 2003, down 6% from January 2002.

CHICKS HATCHED - JANUARY

STATE	BROILER-TYPE		
	2002	2003	2003 as % of 2002
	Thousands		*Percent*
North Carolina	**68,237**	**65,985**	**97**
Alabama	107,443	102,648	96
Arkansas	110,938	110,967	100
Delaware	12,668	12,643	100
Florida	8,810	5,756	65
Georgia	114,081	111,320	98
Kentucky	23,112	23,808	103
Maryland	34,588	35,138	102
Mississippi	70,502	70,342	100
Oklahoma	23,136	22,968	99
Pennsylvania	13,264	12,471	94
South Carolina	16,663	17,004	102
Texas	56,341	54,754	97
Virginia	24,375	23,467	96
California, Louisiana, Missouri, Tennessee & West Virginia	71,563	70,932	99
19 States [1]	755,721	740,203	98
Other States [2]	19,948	19,570	98
UNITED STATES	775,669	759,773	98

[1] States in the weekly hatchery production estimating program are those listed above. [2] Not published separately to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

HONEY: PRODUCTION, STOCKS AND VALUE: 2001-2002 [1]

STATE	Honey Producing Colonies		Yield per Colony		Production		Stocks [2] Dec. 15		Average Price per Pound		Value of Production	
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002
	Thousands		*Pounds*		*Thousand*		*Pounds*		*Cents*		*Thousand Dollars*	
North Carolina	**13**	**14**	**44**	**51**	**572**	**714**	**172**	**86**	**148**	**136**	**847**	**971**
Alabama	14	12	73	86	1,022	1,032	235	103	72	111	736	1,146
California	425	440	65	53	27,625	23,320	7,735	3,498	69	129	19,061	30,083
Florida	220	220	100	93	22,000	20,460	3,432	2,026	64	112	14,080	22,915
Georgia	55	50	57	52	3,135	2,600	188	52	70	110	2,195	2,860
Kentucky	3	3	78	54	234	162	94	47	141	165	330	267
Minnesota	135	117	81	73	10,935	8,541	1,859	1,110	65	142	7,108	12,128
North Dakota	280	320	96	75	26,880	24,000	9,408	8,160	69	142	18,547	34,080
Tennessee	8	8	59	61	472	488	131	137	139	137	656	669
Virginia	9	7	52	38	468	266	94	69	126	186	590	495
UNITED STATES [3]	2,506	2,524	74.0	67.8	185,461	171,140	64,556	39,047	70.4	128.6	132,225	221,638

[1] For producers with 5 or more colonies. [2] Stocks held by producers. [3] Includes other states and states not published. U.S. price weighted by survey expanded sales.

CATTLE ON FEED: NUMBER ON FEED, 1,000 + Capacity Feedlots [1]

STATE	FEBRUARY 1, 2002	JANUARY 1, 2003	FEBRUARY 1, 2003	
			NUMBER	2003 as % of 2002
	1,000 Head			Percent
Arizona	311	289	291	94
California	475	490	475	100
Colorado	1,180	1,020	1,030	87
Idaho	320	295	285	89
Iowa	395	355	360	91
Kansas	2,450	2,200	2,220	91
Nebraska	2,290	2,140	2,220	97
New Mexico	109	119	112	103
Oklahoma	350	330	325	93
S Dakota	200	205	215	108
Texas	2,850	2,630	2,630	92
Washington	237	185	180	76
Other States	405	335	340	84
UNITED STATES	11,572	10,593	10,683	92

[1] *Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.*

CATTLE ON FEED DOWN

Nationally, cattle and calves on feed February 1, 2003 in feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head for slaughter totaled 10.7 million head, down 8% from a year earlier and 11% below February 1, 2001.

Placements in feedlots during January 2003 totaled 2.14 million head, 2% below 2002 and 6% below 2001. Net placements were 2.06 million. During January, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 433,000, 600-699 pounds were 587,000, 700-799 pounds were 706,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 409,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during January 2003 totaled 1.97 million, down 5% from 2002 and down 4% from 2001. Other disappearance totaled 75,000 during January, 16% below 2002 and 4% below 2001.

TURKEY HATCHERY - FEBRUARY 1

GEOGRAPHIC DIVISION	Eggs in Incubators February 1			Poults Placed During January [1]		
	2002	2003	2003 as % of 2002	2002	2003	2003 as % of 2002
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
North & South Atlantic	**9,840**	**9,569**	**97**	**8,753**	**8,258**	**94**
East North Central	4,919	4,794	97	3,788	3,849	102
West North Central	11,369	11,292	99	9,073	9,233	102
South Central	3,087	2,531	82	2,580	2,065	80
West	2,675	2,511	94	1,686	1,976	117
UNITED STATES	31,890	30,697	96	25,880	25,381	98

[1] *Regional placements refer to poults placed from hatcheries located in that region, and not the actual location of the birds after placement.*

TURKEY EGGS AND PLACEMENTS DOWN

Nationally, turkey eggs in incubators on February 1, 2003 totaled 30.7 million, down 4% from a year ago. Eggs in incubators were marginally lower than the January 1, 2003 total of 30.8 million. The 25.4 million poults placed during January 2003 in the U.S. were down 2% from a year ago. Placements were up 6% from the December 2002 total of 24.0 million. Regional placement percent changes from the previous year were: N & S Atlantic, down 6%; E N Central, up 2%; W N Central, up 2%; S Central, down 20%; and West, up 17%.

N. C. RED MEAT PRODUCTION UP; UNITED STATES UNCHANGED

Commercial red meat production in **North Carolina** during January 2003 totaled 200 million pounds dressed weight, up 21% from a year earlier. Commercial red meat production includes slaughter in federally inspected and other plants but excludes animals slaughtered on farms. Commercial slaughter of livestock in North Carolina during January 2003 totaled 271 million pounds live weight, up 19% from a year earlier. Cattle slaughter, at 20 million pounds, was up 14% from a year earlier. Calf slaughter, at 44,000 pounds, was down 29%. Hog slaughter, at 250 million pounds live weight, was up 20% from a year earlier. The average live weight per head was: cattle 1,064 pounds; calves 388 pounds; and hogs 258 pounds.

Commercial red meat production for the **United States** during January 2003 totaled 4.08 billion pounds dressed weight, unchanged from a year earlier.

Beef production for the U.S. totaled 2.29 billion pounds dressed weight, down 2% from a year earlier. Cattle slaughter totaled 3.01 million head, down 2% from a year earlier. The average live weight increased 8 pounds to 1,268. **Veal production** totaled 17.9 million pounds dressed weight, up 6% from a year earlier. Calf slaughter totaled 93,800 head, up 7% from a year earlier. The average live weight decreased 4 pounds to 317. **Pork production** totaled 1.75 billion pounds dressed weight, up 2% from the previous year and a monthly record high. Hog kill totaled 8.79 million head, up 1% from January 2002. The average live weight was unchanged at 268 pounds. **Lamb and mutton production** totaled 15.9 million pounds dressed weight, down 10% from the previous year. Sheep slaughter totaled 238,800 head, down 6% from a year ago. The average live weight decreased 7 pounds to 133.

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER - JANUARY

SPECIES	NORTH CAROLINA				UNITED STATES					
	Number Slaughtered [1]		Total Live Weight		Number Slaughtered [1]		Total Live Weight		Total Dressed Weight [2]	
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003
	Thous. Head		Thous. Pounds		Million Head		Million Pounds		Million Pounds	
Cattle	16.7	19.2	17,957	20,446	3.1	3.0	3,851	3,814	2,330	2,292
Calves	0.2	0.1	62	44	0.1	0.1	28	30	17	18
Sheep & Lambs					0.3	2.0	36	32	18	16
Hogs	813.3	969.7	208,743	250,287	8.7	8.8	2,317	2,353	1,716	1,749
TOTAL	830.2	989.0	226,762	270,777	12.2	13.9	6,232	6,229	4,081	4,076

[1] *Includes slaughter under Federal inspection and other commercial slaughter, excludes farm slaughter.*
[2] *Totals may not equal sum due to rounding.*

N. C. MILK PRODUCTION DOWN UNITED STATES UP

North Carolina annual milk production for 2002 totaled 1.14 billion pounds, down 1% from the 1.15 billion in 2001. The number of milk cows averaged 64,000 during 2002, down 4% from 2001. Average milk per cow was 17,766 pounds, up 3% from 2001.

U.S. annual milk production for 2002 totaled 170 billion pounds, up 3% from the 165 billion in 2001. Production per cow averaged 18,571 pounds, up 2% from 2001. Average production per cow has increased 18% since 1993. The average number of milk cows during the year was 9.14 million head, up slightly from the 9.11 million head in 2001.

MILK COWS AND MILK PRODUCTION, UNITED STATES, 1993-2002

YEAR	MILK COWS [1]	MILK PER COW	MILK PRODUCTION [2]
	Thousands	*Pounds*	*Millions Pounds*
1993	9,581	15,722	150,636
1994	9,494	16,179	153,602
1995	9,466	16,405	155,292
1996	9,372	16,433	154,006
1997	9,252	16,871	156,091
1998	9,154	17,189	157,348
1999	9,156	17,772	162,716
2000	9,206	18,201	167,559
2001	9,114	18,159	165,497
2002	9,141	18,571	169,758

[1] Average number during year, excluding heifers not yet fresh. [2] Excludes milk sucked by calves.

MILK COWS AND MILK PRODUCTION BY QUARTER - N.C.

QUARTER	MILK COWS [1]		MILK PER COW [2]		MILK PRODUCTION [3]		
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2002 as % of 2001
	Thousands		*Pounds*		*Million Pounds*		*Percent*
Jan-Mar	68	65	4,397	4,585	299	298	100
Apr-Jun	68	65	4,397	4,646	299	302	101
Jul-Sep	67	64	4,045	4,219	271	270	100
Oct-Dec	66	63	4,318	4,238	285	267	94
Annual	67	64	17,224	17,766	1,154	1,137	99

[1] Includes dry cows. Excludes heifers not yet fresh. [2] Milk per cow is derived. [3] Excludes milk sucked by calves.

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EGG PRODUCTION UP

North Carolina laying flocks produced 194 million eggs during February 2003, up 1% from a year earlier. Production consisted of 72 million table eggs and 122 million hatching eggs. Table eggs were up 6%, while hatching eggs decreased 2% from a year earlier. The average number of layers on hand during February was 11.1 million, unchanged from a year earlier. This number consisted of 3.4 million layers for table eggs and 7.7 million for broiler-type and egg-type hatching eggs.

U.S. egg production totaled 6.62 billion during February 2003, up 1% from a year earlier. Production included 5.63 billion table eggs and 985 million hatching eggs, of which 927 million were broiler-type and 58 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during February 2003 averaged 338 million, up slightly from a year earlier. February egg production per 100 layers was 1,957 eggs, up 1% from February 2002.

All layers in the U.S. on March 1, 2003, totaled 338 million, up slightly from a year ago. The 338 million layers consisted of 278 million layers producing table or commercial type eggs, 57.4 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.62 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Daily rate of lay on March 1, 2003, averaged 69.6 eggs per 100 layers, down 1% from a year ago.

EGG PRODUCTION - FEBRUARY

STATE	LAYERS ON HAND		TOTAL EGGS PRODUCED		TABLE EGGS		HATCHING EGGS	
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003
	Thousands		*Million Eggs*					
North Carolina	**11,146**	**11,141**	**192**	**194**	**68**	**72**	**124**	**122**
Alabama	10,567	9,975	183	172	56	49	127	123
Florida	10,638	10,868	205	214	192	207	13	7
Georgia	20,928	20,375	381	377	222	221	159	156
South Carolina	5,497	5,267	104	106	88	88	16	18
UNITED STATES	337,991	338,190	6,581	6,617	5,592	5,631	988	985

TURKEY EGGS AND POULTS DOWN

Nationally, turkey eggs in incubators on March 1, 2003 totaled 31.3 million, down 4% from a year earlier. Eggs in incubators were up 2% from the February 1 total of 30.7 million. The 23.8 million poults placed during February 2003 in the United States were down 2% from the placements during the same month a year ago. Placements were down 6% from the January 2003 total of 25.4 million. Regional placement percent changes from the previous year were: N & S Atlantic, down 3%; E N Central, down 1%; W N Central, up 3%; S Central, down 16%; and West, down 6%.

TURKEY HATCHERY - MARCH 1

GEOGRAPHIC DIVISION	Eggs in Incubators March 1			Poults Placed During February [1]		
	2002	2003	2003 as % of 2002	2002	2003	2003 as % of 2002
	Thousands		*Percent*	*Thousands*		*Percent*
North & South Atlantic	**10,002**	**9,171**	**92**	**7,247**	**7,065**	**97**
East North Central	4,881	4,816	99	3,557	3,539	99
West North Central	11,720	11,954	102	8,939	9,227	103
South Central	2,892	2,886	100	2,496	2,104	84
West	3,101	2,444	79	2,027	1,898	94
UNITED STATES	32,596	31,271	96	24,266	23,833	98

[1] Regional placements refer to poults placed from hatcheries located in that region, and not the actual location of the birds after placement.

PEANUT STOCKS DOWN

Peanut stocks in commercial storage January 31, 2003 in the United States were down 43% from last year and totaled 2.21 billion pounds of equivalent farmer stock, compared to 3.89 billion pounds last year. This total includes 1.49 billion pounds of actual farmer stock.

Shelled peanuts on hand totaled 673 million pounds of farmer stock equivalent. Roasting stock totaled 44.5 million pounds. There were no Commodity Credit Corporation uncommitted stocks on hand as of January 31, 2003.

Shelled peanut stocks totaled 506 million pounds of which 482 million pounds were edible grades and 24.0 million pounds were oil stocks. Edible grade stocks by type were 77.5 million pounds of Virginias, 367 million pounds of Runners, and 37.3 million pounds of Spanish.

PRICES RECEIVED FOR SELECTED COMMODITIES

The average price received for corn by North Carolina farmers in February 2003 was $2.96 per bushel, identical to the previous month and 52 cents above a year earlier. The February cotton price, at 44.3 cents per pound, was down .3 cent from the previous month, but was 9.7 cents above a year earlier. Soybean prices rose 4 cents in February to $5.56 per bushel and were $1.24 above the previous year.

Prices received for all hogs in February, at $34.80 per hundredweight, were up $1.20 from January, but were $4.50 below the previous year. The average price for table eggs, at 44 cents per dozen, were down 11 cents from a month earlier, but were 14 cents above the previous year.

PRICES RECEIVED

COMMODITY	UNIT	NORTH CAROLINA			UNITED STATES		
		Feb. 2002	Jan. 2003	Feb. 2003	Feb. 2002	Jan. 2003	Feb. 2003
		Entire Month	*Entire Month*	*Mid Month*	*Entire Month*	*Entire Month*	*Mid Month*
				Dollars			
Tobacco, All [1]	Lb.	1.855	1.905	-	1.960	1.960	1.890
Corn	Bu.	2.44	2.96	2.96	1.93	2.33	2.35
Cotton	Lb.	.346	.446	.443	.280	.440	.448
Soybeans	Bu.	4.32	5.52	5.56	4.22	5.52	5.57
Peanuts, In Shell	Lb.	-	-	-	.107	.191	.228
Hogs, All	Cwt.	39.30	33.60	34.80	38.50	33.00	34.40
Com'l Broilers [2]	Lb.	-	-	-	.340	.350	.340
Turkeys [2 3]	Lb.	-	-	-	.341	.346	.345
Eggs [3 4]	Doz.	.300	.550	.440	.366	.529	.466
Milk, All [2]	Cwt.	-	-	-	13.10	11.70	11.50
Potatoes	Cwt.	-	-	-	7.34	6.67	6.53
Apples, Com'l. [1]	Lb.	-	-	-	.216	.258	.246
Hay, All [3]	Ton	-	-	-	91.70	92.90	91.80

[1] Entire month. [2] North Carolina monthly estimates discontinued. [3] Mid month. [4] Market (Table) eggs including eggs sold retail by producers.

NORTH CAROLINA PRICES RECEIVED INDEX

The February 2003 "All Farm Products" index of prices received by North Carolina farmers, at 251% of its 1967 base, was down 3 points from the previous month. Contributing most to the decrease were lower prices for cotton and eggs. The index was 12 points above a year earlier.

The February 2003 "All Crops" index, at 267, was 2 points below the previous month, but was 15 points above a year earlier. The "Livestock and Livestock Products" index for February 2003, at 221, was down 7 points from the previous month, but was 3 points above the previous year.

The meat animals index for February 2003, at 224, was up 10 points from the previous month, but was 26 points below a year ago. The poultry index, at 225, was down 16 points from the previous month, but was 28 points above a year earlier. The dairy index, at 206, was down 5 points from a month earlier and was 23 points below the previous year.

FARM PRICES INDEX NUMBERS

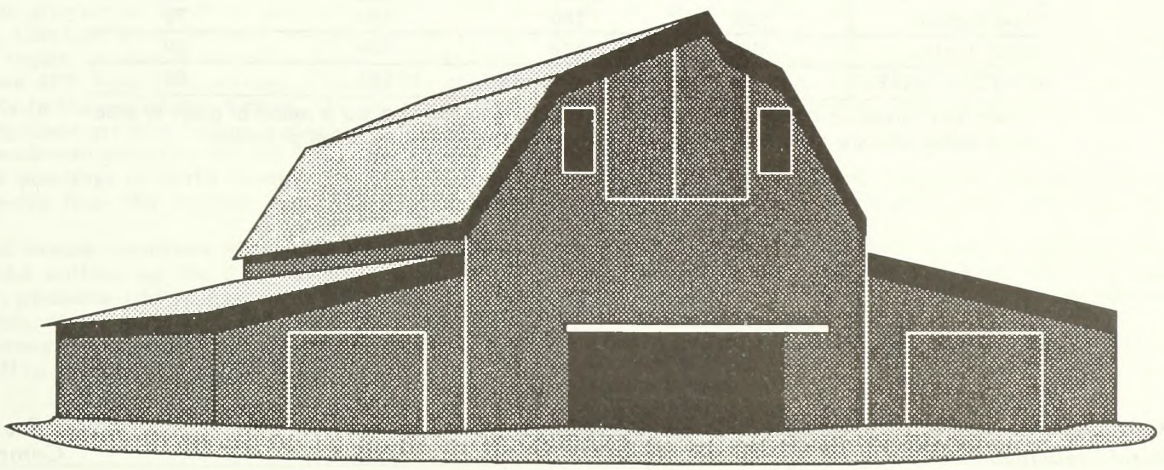
INDEX (1967 = 100)	Feb. 15 2001 [1]	Feb. 15 2002 [1]	Jan. 15 2003 [1]	Feb. 15 2003
NORTH CAROLINA				
Prices Received: All Farm Products	249	239	254	251
All Crops	258	252	269	267
Tobacco	282	283	290	290
Oil Bearing	202	158	211	201
Grains	172	178	215	215
Commercial Vegetables	199	207	220	220
Fruits	342	295	295	295
Livestock and Livestock Products	233	218	228	221
Meat Animals	259	250	214	224
Poultry	218	197	241	225
Dairy	240	229	211	206
UNITED STATES				
Prices Received, All Farm Products	254	251	253	252
Prices Paid, Commodities & Services [2]	[4]	[4]	496	[4]
Parity Ratio [3]	[4]	[4]	51	[4]

[1] Revised. [2] Including Interest, Taxes and Farm Wage Rates. [3] Ratio of Index of Prices Received by Farmers to Index of Prices Paid. [4] Available quarterly following February 1986 Survey.

ANNUAL COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER AND RED MEAT PRODUCTION BY MONTHS AND TOTAL, NORTH CAROLINA, 2002 [1] [2]

MONTH	CATTLE		CALVES		HOGS		SHEEP AND LAMBS		TOTAL RED MEAT [3]
	Number Slaughtered	Tot. Live Weight	Number Slaughtered	Tot. Live Weight	Number Slaughtered	Tot. Live Weight	Number Slaughtered	Tot. Live Weight	Dress Weight
	Number Head	*Thous. Pounds*	*Number Head*	*Thous. Pounds*	*Number Head*	*Thous. Pounds*	*Number Head*	*Thous. Pounds*	*Million Pounds*
January	16,700	17,957	200	62	813,300	208,743	-	-	165.5
February	14,400	15,545	100	53	791,900	203,515	-	-	160.8
March	15,300	16,040	100	44	822,700	211,764	100	5	167.3
April	15,700	16,712	100	47	888,800	228,931	-	-	181.1
May	16,100	17,399	100	55	868,400	220,007	-	-	175.1
June	16,100	17,231	100	50	755,500	189,383	-	-	150.9
July	15,200	16,002	100	52	831,600	206,779	100	4	164.2
August	16,400	17,107	100	54	866,100	215,242	100	3	171.2
September	16,400	17,284	100	57	869,700	219,023	100	5	173.8
October	19,400	20,427	200	62	950,600	239,841	100	6	190.8
November	20,100	21,325	200	60	869,100	222,671	100	6	178.0
December	18,500	19,003	100	54	895,700	230,910	-	-	183.7
Total	200,300	212,031	1,700	651	10,223,500	2,596,812	600	51	2062.4

[1] Includes slaughter under Federal inspection and other commercial slaughter, excludes farm slaughter. [2] Months may not add to totals due to rounding. [3] Includes total beef, veal, pork, lamb and mutton.



RED MEAT PRODUCTION: FEDERALLY INSPECTED, COMMERCIAL AND FARM, BY MONTHS AND TOTAL, UNITED STATES, 2002 [1]

MONTH	BEEF		VEAL		PORK [2]		LAMB AND MUTTON		TOTAL RED MEAT [2]	
	Federal Inspection	Total	Federal Inspection	Total	Federal Inspection	Total	Federal Inspection	Total	Federal Inspection	Total
	Million Pounds									
January	2,296	2,331	16.4	16.9	1,698	1,717	17.1	17.7	4,027	4,083
February	1,956	1,987	13.9	14.3	1,465	1,482	17.0	17.8	3,452	3,502
March	2,028	2,059	14.6	15.0	1,563	1,581	21.6	22.2	3,627	3,678
April	2,164	2,195	15.6	16.1	1,654	1,672	18.4	19.1	3,852	3,902
May	2,306	2,336	15.0	15.5	1,628	1,646	18.6	19.5	3,968	4,017
June	2,274	2,302	14.1	14.6	1,461	1,479	14.4	15.1	3,764	3,811
July	2,398	2,427	16.2	16.7	1,538	1,557	15.4	16.3	3,967	4,016
August	2,438	2,469	16.2	16.7	1,617	1,637	15.7	16.6	4,087	4,140
September	2,170	2,201	15.7	16.3	1,617	1,638	16.8	17.6	3,820	3,873
October	2,474	2,512	18.0	18.7	1,810	1,831	18.8	19.7	4,321	4,382
November	2,134	2,164	16.3	16.9	1,691	1,709	17.1	17.8	3,859	3,907
December	2,075	2,107	17.4	18.0	1,694	1,715	17.8	18.5	3,804	3,858
Total Commercial [3]	26,714	27,091	189.5	195.9	19,437	19,664	208.7	218.1	46,549	47,169
Farm		102		9.3		21		4.1		137
Total		27,193		205.3		19,685		222.2		47,305

[1] Months may not add to totals due to rounding. [2] Excludes lard and rendered pork fat. [3] Based on packers' dressed weight and excludes farm slaughter.

CATTLE ON FEED DOWN

Nationally, cattle and calves on feed March 1, 2003 in feedlots of 1,000 or more head for slaughter totaled 10.5 million head, down 9% from a year ago and 10% below March 1, 2001.

Placements in feedlots during February totaled 1.66 million, 8% below a year ago, but 5% above 2001. Net placements were 1.6 million. During February, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 263,000, 600-699 pounds were 376,000, 700-799 pounds were 597,000, 800 pounds and over were 421,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during February 2003 totaled 1.7 million, 4% below 2002 and 1% below 2001. Other disappearance totaled 71,000 during February, up 13% from 2002, but 12% below 2001.

CATTLE ON FEED: NUMBER ON FEED, 1,000 + Capacity Feedlots [1]

STATE	MARCH 1, 2002	FEBRUARY 1, 2003	MARCH 1, 2003	
			NUMBER	2003 as % of 2002
	1,000 Head			*Percent*
Arizona	310	291	279	90
California	475	475	470	99
Colorado	1,150	1,030	990	86
Idaho	315	285	280	89
Iowa	400	360	360	90
Kansas	2,420	2,220	2,240	93
Nebraska	2,300	2,220	2,190	95
New Mexico	109	114	112	103
Oklahoma	345	330	320	93
S Dakota	210	215	215	102
Texas	2,850	2,600	2,560	90
Washington	229	180	180	79
Other States	405	340	325	80
UNITED STATES	11,518	10,660	10,521	91

[1] Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

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PLANTING INTENTIONS MIXED

Spring temperatures have arrived for North Carolina farmers, but widespread heavy rains have saturated fields and delayed applications of lime, fertilizer, and pesticides. Topsoil moisture is reflective of substantial precipitation and was rated 0% short and very short, 58% adequate, and 42% surplus at the end of March. Cereal leaf beetle has been detected in some barley and wheat fields. Spring planting of Irish potatoes and cabbage is underway but behind schedule.

North Carolina growers intend to plant 900,000 acres of **cotton**, down 4% from 2002 and the fewest acres since 1999. Cotton growers are hopeful of a better year after a disastrous 2002 with yields less than half of the record high levels reached in 2001.

Corn plantings are expected to total 810,000 acres in 2003, 3% more than 2002. If realized, this would be the most corn planted in the State since 1998.

Soybean plantings, at 1.40 million acres, are expected to increase 40,000 from a year ago.

Acres of North Carolina **flue-cured tobacco** for harvest are estimated at 154,000, a 6% decrease from last year. Growers did not mirror the 10% national tobacco quota cut since yields and carryover in 2002 were down.

Burley tobacco growers expect to harvest 6,000 acres in 2003, down 5% from 2002 harvested acres. The quota for burley tobacco was also cut but that typically does not influence North Carolina burley grower's decisions to plant since they have not planted enough acres to attain quota production for many years. Acreage has dropped over the last few years because of the difficulty of contending with droughts and the persistent blue mold disease.

Peanut growers in the State intend to plant 90,000 acres, an 11% decrease from 2002 planted acres. Acres planted to peanuts in North Carolina have declined sharply due to changes in the peanut program initiated last year. In the Virginia - North Carolina region, producers intend to plant 125,000 acres, 21% below 2002. Virginia is expected to have 35,000 acres planted in 2003, down 40% from 2002 acreage. Uncertainty of the price and markets have growers uncertain of how many acres to devote to peanuts in their mixture of crops. On the plus side, soil moisture is currently plentiful with the planting season approaching.

Sweetpotato growers intend to plant 42,000 acres, up 2,000 acres from last year.

Hay producers expect to cut 760,000 acres, 10,000 acres above 2002.

Wheat plantings in North Carolina, at 530,000 acres, are down 4% from the December estimate. However, plantings are down 120,000 acres from the previous year. The current condition of the wheat crop is mostly good, with 18% rated as poor or very poor.

United States intentions of planted acres with percent changes from 2002 are as follows: **corn** 79 million, down slightly; **all cotton** 14.3 million, up 2%; **flue-cured tobacco** 241,000, down 2%; **burley tobacco** 151,100, down 5%; **soybeans** 73 million, down 1%; **peanuts** 1.24 million, down 8%; **sweetpotatoes** 93,500, down 4%; **all wheat** 61.7 million, up 2%; and **winter wheat** 44.3 million, up 6% from 2002 and fractionally higher than the December 1 forecast.

The acreage estimates in this report are based on a survey conducted during the first two weeks of March. The next **Acreage** report will be released June 30, 2003.

2003 PROSPECTIVE PLANTINGS

CROPS	NORTH CAROLINA			UNITED STATES		
	2002	2003 Intentions	Percent Change	2002	2003 Intentions	Percent Change
	Thousand Acres			*Thousand Acres*		
Corn, All	790	810	+3	79,054	79,022	0
Cotton, All [1]	940	900	-4	13,962.6	14,253.0	+2
Hay, All [2]	750	760	+1	64,497	63,552	-1
Peanuts	101	90	-11	1,358	1,244	-8
Small Grain:						
Barley [3]	31	20	-35	5,073	5,379	+6
Oats [3]	75	55	-27	5,005	4,828	-4
Wheat, All [3]	650	530	-18	60,358	61,697	+2
Sorghum, All	17	15	-12	9,580	9,451	-1
Soybeans	1,360	1,400	+3	73,758	73,182	-1
Sweetpotatoes	40	42	+5	97.2	93.5	-4
Tobacco:						
Flue-cured [2]	163.0	154.0	-6	246.1	241.0	-2
Type 11 [2]	44.0	40.0	-9	65.5	60.0	-8
Type 12 [2]	95.0	94.0	-1	95.0	94.0	-1
Type 13 [2]	24.0	20.0	-17	54.5	54.0	-1
Type 14 [2]	-	-	-	31.1	33.0	+6
Burley [2]	6.3	6.0	-5	159.6	151.1	-5
All [2]	169.3	160.0	-5	430.3	417.5	-3

[1] U.S. includes Upland and American-Pima. [2] Data for hay and tobacco represent harvested acres. [3] Includes acreage planted in preceding fall.

N. C. RED MEAT PRODUCTION UP
UNITED STATES STEADY

Commercial red meat production in North Carolina during February 2003 totaled 168 million pounds dress weight, up 4% from year earlier. Commercial slaughter of livestock in North Carolina during February 2003 totaled 228 million pounds live weight, up 4 from a year earlier. Cattle slaughter, at 17 million pounds, was up 7% from a year earlier. Calf slaughter totaled 40,000 pounds, dow 25%. Hog slaughter, at 211 million pounds live weight, was up 4% from a year earlier. The average live weight per head was: catt 1,048 pounds; calves 398 pounds; and hogs 255 pounds.

Nationally, commercial red meat production during February 2003 totaled 3.50 billion pounds dress weight, unchanged fro February 2002. Commercial red meat production includes slaughter in federally inspected and other plants, but excludes anima slaughtered on farms. **Beef production** for the U.S. totaled 1.94 billion pounds dress weight, down 2% from a year earlier. Catt slaughter totaled 2.57 million head, down 2% from a year earlier. The average live weight increased 6 pounds to 1,261. **Ve production** totaled 16 million pounds dress weight, up 10% from a year earlier. Calf slaughter totaled 83,100 head, up 14% from year earlier. The average live weight decreased 10 pounds to 316. **Pork production** totaled 1.52 billion pounds dress weight, up 3 from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 7.7 million head, 2% above February 2002. The average live weight was unchanged at 26 pounds. **Lamb and mutton production,** at 15 million pounds dress weight, was down 16% from the previous year. Sheep slaught totaled 224,200 head, down 14% from a year ago. The average live weight decreased 4 pounds to 133.

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER - FEBRUARY

SPECIES	NORTH CAROLINA				UNITED STATES					
	Number Slaughtered [1]		Total Live Weight		Number Slaughtered [1]		Total Live Weight		Total Dressed Weight [2]	
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003
	Thous. Head		*Thous. Pounds*		*Million Head*		*Million Pounds*		*Million Pounds*	
Cattle	14.4	15.8	15,545	16,565	2.6	2.6	3,283	3,240	1,987	1,944
Calves	0.1	0.1	53	40	0.1	0.1	24	26	14	16
Sheep & Lambs					0.3	0.2	36	30	18	15
Hogs	791.9	827.1	203,515	211,256	7.5	7.7	2,000	2,047	1,482	1,521
TOTAL	806.4	843.0	219,113	227,861	10.5	10.6	5,343	5,343	3,502	3,497

[1] Includes slaughter under Federal inspection and other commercial slaughter, excludes farm slaughter.
[2] Totals may not equal sum due to rounding.

CHICKS HATCHED - FEBRUARY

STATE	BROILER-TYPE		
	2002	2003	2003 as % of 2002
	Thousands		*Percent*
North Carolina	**61,281**	**59,258**	**97**
Alabama	97,410	91,495	94
Arkansas	100,381	101,976	102
Delaware	11,771	11,607	99
Florida	7,529	5,224	69
Georgia	102,976	102,398	99
Kentucky	21,788	22,105	101
Maryland	31,651	32,096	101
Mississippi	62,327	63,505	102
Oklahoma	20,927	22,177	106
Pennsylvania	11,171	11,185	100
South Carolina	14,921	15,610	105
Texas	50,822	48,505	95
Virginia	21,668	21,995	102
California, Louisiana, Missouri, Tennessee & West Virginia	64,466	64,647	100
19 States [1]	681,089	673,783	99
Other States [2]	21,487	20,807	97
UNITED STATES	702,576	694,590	99

[1] States in the weekly hatchery production estimating program are those listed above. [2] Not published separately to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

PEANUT STOCKS DOWN

Peanut stocks in commercial storage February 28, 2003 the United States were down 43% from last year and total 2.06 billion pounds of equivalent farmer stock, compared 3.61 billion pounds last year. This total includes 1.30 billi pounds of actual farmer stock.

Shelled peanuts on hand totaled 712 million pounds farmer stock equivalent. Roasting stock totaled 50.5 milli pounds. There were no Commodity Credit Corporation u committed stocks on hand as of February 28, 2003.

Shelled peanut stocks totaled 536 million pounds of whi 509 million pounds were edible grades and 26.2 million poun were oil stocks. Edible grade stocks by type were 78.2 milli pounds of Virginias, 396 million pounds of Runners, and 35 million pounds of Spanish.

CHICKS HATCHED - FEBRUARY

STATE	EGG-TYPE		
	2002	2003	2003 as % of 2002
	Thousands		*Percent*
Arkansas	811	814	100
Florida	611	620	101
Georgia	2,157	2,229	103
Indiana	4,883	4,197	86
Iowa	4,356	5,101	117
Minnesota	1,360	1,465	108
Pennsylvania	4,094	3,709	91
Other States [1]	16,054	11,853	74
UNITED STATES	34,326	29,988	87

[1] Not published separately to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

HOG NUMBERS DOWN

All hogs and pigs on **North Caro**na farms on March 1, 2003 totaled 6 million head, down 2% from a year o and down 1% from December 2002. ventory consisted of 2% fewer market gs than last March, totaling 8.6 million ad. Breeding stock, at 1.0 million ad, remains unchanged from the evious year and the previous quar-. North Carolina ranks 2nd nationally the number of hogs and pigs be-nd Iowa.

The State's pig crop during the December 02-February 2003 period totaled 770,000 head, down 1% from the same nths last year. These pigs were produced 530,000 sows, 2% below last year. gs saved per litter averaged 9.0, up m last year's litter rate of 8.95.

North Carolina producers intend farrow 550,000 sows during each the next two quarters, March-May 03 and June-August 2003. If these entions materialize, farrowings will 1% below the same six month pe-d last year.

United States inventory of hogs d pigs on March 1, 2003 was esti-ted at 58.1 million head, 2% below rch 1, 2002 and 2% below Decem-r 1, 2002. Breeding inventory, at 6 million head, was down 4% from rch 1, 2002 and down 1% from last arter. Market hogs totaled 52.2 million ad, 2% below March 1, 2002 and below last quarter.

The December 2002 through Feb-ary 2003 U.S. pig crop, at 24.4 mil-n head, was 2% less than last year, t 2% more than 2001. Pigs saved r litter averaged 8.81 compared to 4 last year.

Producers intend to have 2.84 million ws farrow during the March-May 03 period, 3% below the actual farrowings ring the same period in 2002. June rough August farrowings are ex-cted to total 2.79 million sows, 3% ow the June-August 2002 farrowings.

HOGS AND PIGS - INVENTORY NUMBER By Class and Weight Group, Sows Farrowing and Pig Crop [1]

ITEM	NORTH CAROLINA			UNITED STATES		
	2002	2003	2003 as % of 2002	2002	2003	2003 as % of 2002
	Thousand Head		*Percent*	*Thousand Head*		*Percent*
MARCH 1 INVENTORY						
All Hogs and Pigs	9,800	9,600	98	59,248	58,107	98
Kept for breeding	1,000	1,000	100	6,236	5,956	96
Market	8,800	8,600	98	53,011	52,151	98
Market Hogs and Pigs By Weight Groups:						
Under 60 Lbs.	3,450	3,350	97	19,487	19,110	98
60-119 Lbs.	2,000	2,000	100	12,975	12,655	98
120-179 Lbs.	1,850	1,800	97	11,172	10,894	98
180 Lbs. and Over	1,500	1,450	97	9,377	9,492	101
SOWS FARROWING:						
December [2]-February	540	530	98	2,836	2,767	98
March-May	550	550 [3]	100	2,943	2,842 [3]	97
December [2]-May	1,090	1,080 [4]	99	5,779	5,610 [4]	97
June-August	560	550 [3]	98	2,887	2,792 [3]	97
September-November	530	-	-	2,817	-	-
June-November	1,090	-	-	5,704	-	-
PIG CROP:						
December [2]-February	4,833	4,770	99	24,794	24,374	98
March-May	4,950	-	-	25,959	-	-
December [2]-May	9,783	-	-	50,752	-	-
June-August	5,096	-	-	25,700	-	-
September-November	4,770	-	-	24,892	-	-
June-November	9,866	-	-	50,592	-	-
	Number			*Number*		
PIGS PER LITTER:						
December [2]-February	8.95	9.00	101	8.74	8.81	101
March-May	9.00	-	-	8.82	-	-
December [2]-May	8.98	-	-	8.78	-	-
June-August	9.10	-	-	8.90	-	-
September-November	9.00	-	-	8.83	-	-
June-November	9.05	-	-	8.87	-	-

[1] May not add due to rounding. [2] December preceding year. [3] Intentions. [4] Actual farrowings for December-February plus intentions for March-May.

CHICKEN EGGS IN INCUBATORS - MARCH 1

GEOGRAPHIC DIVISION	BROILER-TYPE			EGG-TYPE		
	2002	2003	2003 as % of 2002	2002	2003	2003 as % of 2002
	Thousands		*Percent*	*Thousands*		*Percent*
South Atlantic	**242,047**	**233,214**	**96**	**3,941**	**2,838**	**72**
North Atlantic	12,592	11,107	88	4,821	4,338	90
East North Central	7,491	7,362	98	7,413	6,303	85
West North Central	21,529	20,132	94	6,520	6,382	98
South Central	343,017	334,647	98	5,117	5,332	104
West	23,047	23,725	103	5,021	5,354	107
UNITED STATES	649,723	630,187	97	32,833	30,547	93

Regional Listing:
North Atlantic = CT, ME, MA, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT.
E North Central = IL, IN, MI, OH, WI.
W North Central = IA, KS, MN, MO, NE, ND, SD.
South Atlantic = DE, FL, GA, MD, NC, SC, VA, WV.
South Central = AL, AR, KY, LA, MS, OK, TN, TX.
West = AK, AZ, CA, CO, HI, ID, MT, NM, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY.

UPLAND COTTON BIOTECHNOLOGY VARIETIES BY STATE AND UNITED STATES, PERCENT OF UPLAND COTTON PLANTED, 2002-2003

State	Insect Resistant (Bt)		Herbicide Resistant		Stacked Gene		All Biotech Varieties	
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003
North Carolina	**14**	**12**	**27**	**38**	**45**	**41**	**86**	**91**
Arkansas	27	34	37	19	26	39	90	92
California	6	4	26	28	1	1	33	33
Georgia	8	11	55	35	30	43	93	89
Louisiana	27	31	9	14	49	43	85	88
Mississippi	19	12	22	18	47	48	88	78
Texas	7	15	40	30	4	5	51	50
Other States	19	18	35	35	32	33	86	86
United States	13	16	36	30	22	24	71	70

BIOTECHNOLOGY VARIETIES FOR UNITED STATES: PERCENT PLANTED CORN, AND SOYBEANS 2002-2003

Commodity	Insect Resistant (Bt)		Herbicide Resistant		Stacked Gene		All Biotech Varieties	
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003
Corn	22	26	9	9	2	3	34	38
Soybean			75	80			75	80

GRAIN STOCKS, MARCH 1, 2003, WITH COMPARISONS

YEAR	STOCKS ON FARMS				STOCKS IN OFF-FARM POSITIONS [1]				TOTAL STOCKS ALL POSITIONS			
	March 1	June 1	Sept. 1	Dec. 1	**March 1**	June 1	Sept. 1	Dec. 1	**March 1**	June 1	Sept. 1	Dec. 1
						Thousand Bushels						
NORTH CAROLINA												
CORN:												
2001	16,000	7,800	2,150	22,500	20,280	10,939	6,621	23,329	36,280	18,739	8,771	45,829
2002	14,000	7,100	2,600	18,000	20,095	10,716	5,101	19,415	34,095	17,816	7,701	37,415
2003	**9,000**				**11,600**				**20,600**			
SOYBEANS:												
2001	*	*	*	*	11,923	6,598	3,983	15,526	*	*	*	*
2002	*	*	*	*	9,701	5,135	*	6,272	*	*	*	*
2003	*				**7,250**				*			
WHEAT:												
2001	600	190	2,000	1,600	7,321	3,231	9,003	5,882	7,921	3,421	11,003	7,482
2002	200	70	1,900	1,100	4,722	1,439	9,085	7,589	4,922	1,509	10,985	8,689
2003	**600**				**4,618**				**5,218**			

[1] *Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals and processors. * Data no longer published, figures included in U.S. total.*

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PRICES RECEIVED FOR SELECTED COMMODITIES

The average price received for corn by North Carolina farmers in March 2003 was $2.99 per bushel, up 1 cent from the previous month and 58 cents above a year ago. The March cotton price, at 43.2 cents per pound, was down .7 cent from the previous month. Soybean prices rose 10 cents from a month earlier to $5.67 per bushel and was $1.11 above the previous year.

Prices received for all hogs in March, at $36.00 per hundredweight, were up $1.50 from February and was 20 cents above the previous year. The average price for table eggs, at 50 cents per dozen, were up 6 cents from a month earlier due to strength from exports. The March price for table eggs was 5 cents below a year earlier.

PRICES RECEIVED

COMMODITY	UNIT	NORTH CAROLINA			UNITED STATES		
		March 2002	Feb. 2003	March 2003	March 2002	Feb. 2003	March 2003
		Entire Month	*Entire Month*	*Mid Month*	*Entire Month*	*Entire Month*	*Mid Month*
				Dollars			
Tobacco, All [1]	Lb.	-	-	-	1.700	1.905	1.590
Corn	Bu.	2.41	2.98	2.99	1.94	2.34	2.30
Cotton	Lb.	-	.439	.432	.284	.452	.445
Soybeans	Bu.	4.56	5.57	5.67	4.38	5.55	5.58
Peanuts, In Shell	Lb.	-	.266	.266	-	.190	.212
Hogs, All	Cwt.	35.80	34.50	36.00	36.00	34.30	35.00
Com'l Broilers [2]	Lb.	-	-	-	.320	.340	.340
Turkeys [2 3]	Lb.	-	-	-	.329	.345	.351
Eggs [3 4]	Doz.	.550	.440	.500	.515	.466	.518
Milk, All [2]	Cwt.	-	-	-	12.70	11.40	11.00
Potatoes	Cwt.	-	-	-	8.26	6.55	6.87
Apples, Com'l. [1]	Lb.	-	-	-	.220	.246	.226
Hay, All [3]	Ton	-	-	-	92.30	91.80	92.80

[1] Entire month. [2] North Carolina monthly estimates discontinued. [3] Mid month. [4] Market (Table) eggs including eggs sold retail by producers.

FARM PRICES INDEX NUMBERS

INDEX (1967 = 100)	Mar. 15 2001 [1]	Mar. 15 2002 [1]	Feb. 15 2003 [1]	Mar. 15 2003
NORTH CAROLINA				
Prices Received: All Farm Products	255	243	252	254
All Crops	258	252	270	270
Tobacco	282	283	290	290
Oil Bearing	201	163	217	219
Grains	179	176	216	217
Commercial Vegetables	199	207	220	220
Fruits	342	295	295	295
Livestock and Livestock Products	249	226	220	225
Meat Animals	290	241	219	228
Poultry	229	219	225	232
Dairy	250	223	208	201
UNITED STATES				
Prices Received, All Farm Products	262	268	251	252
Prices Paid, Commodities & Services [2]	[4]	[4]	[4]	[4]
Parity Ratio [3]	[4]	[4]	[4]	[4]

[1] Revised. [2] Including Interest, Taxes and Farm Wage Rates. [3] Ratio of Index of Prices Received by Farmers to Index of Prices Paid. [4] Available quarterly following February 1986 Survey.

NORTH CAROLINA PRICES RECEIVED INDEX

The March 2003 "All Farm Products" index of prices received by North Carolina farmers, at 254% of its 1967 base, was up 2 points from the previous month. Contributing to the increase were higher prices for corn, soybeans, hogs and eggs. The index was 11 points above a year ago.

The March 2003 "All Crops" index, at 270, was unchanged from the previous month, but was 18 points above a year earlier. The "Livestock and Livestock Products" index for March 2003, at 225, was up 5 points from the previous month, but was 1 point below the previous year.

The meat animals index for March 2003, at 228, was up 9 points from the previous month, but was 13 points below a year earlier. The poultry index, at 232, was up 7 points from a month earlier and was 13 points above the previous year. The dairy index, at 201, was down 7 points from a month earlier and was 22 points below a year ago.

NC IRISH POTATO PRODUCTION DOWN

North Carolina's Irish potato crop is forecast at 2.8 million cwt., down 21% from 2002. The State's growers expect to harvest 17,000 acres, down 4,000 acres from last year. Yield is forecast at 165 cwt. per acre, down 5 cwt. from 2002. Planting was 70% complete on March 30 compared with the 5 year average of 89%. Potato condition was rated as 1% excellent, 16% good, 65% fair and 18% poor on April 6.

U.S. production of spring potatoes for 2003 is forecast at 23.7 million cwt., up 2% from last year. Area for harvest is estimated at 83,800 acres, down 3% from 2002. The average yield is forecast at 282 cwt. per acre, up 11 cwt. from a year ago.

IRISH POTATOES: APRIL 1 FORECAST WITH COMPARISONS

Seasonal Group and State	AREA				YIELD		PRODUCTION		
	Planted		Harvested						
	2002	Ind. 2003	2002	Ind. 2003	2002	Ind. 2003	2001	2002	Ind. 2003
	1,000 Acres				*Cwt.*		*1,000 Cwt.*		
SPRING									
North Carolina	**21.5**	**18.0**	**21.0**	**17.0**	**170**	**165**	**3,515**	**3,570**	**2,805**
Arizona	7.8	8.0	7.8	8.0	270	280	2,214	2,106	2,240
California	19.0	19.0	19.0	19.0	405	410	6,045	7,695	7,790
Florida									
Hastings	19.5	19.5	19.0	19.0	315	300	5,940	5,985	5,700
Other	7.5	8.5	7.3	8.3	260	255	2,030	1,898	2,117
Texas	12.5	13.0	12.0	12.5	170	240	2,070	2,040	3,000
UNITED STATES	87.8	86.0	86.1	83.8	271	282	21,814	23,294	23,652

RED MEAT PRODUCTION UP

Commercial red meat production in North Carolina during March 2003 totaled 173 million pounds dress weight, up 3% from a year ago. Commercial slaughter of livestock in North Carolina during March 2003 totaled 235 million pounds live weight, up 3% from a year earlier. Cattle slaughter, at 20 million pounds, was up 22% from a year earlier. Calf slaughter totaled 42,000 pounds down 5%. Hog slaughter, at 215 million pounds live weight, was up 2% from a year ago. The average live weight per head was cattle 1,074 pounds; calves 396 pounds; and hogs 254 pounds.

Nationally, commercial red meat production during March 2003 totaled 3.70 billion pounds dress weight, up 1% from March 2002. Commercial red meat production includes slaughter in federally inspected and other plants, but excludes animals slaughtered on farms. Beef production for the U.S. totaled 2.05 billion pounds dress weight, down 1% from a year ago. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.77 million head, up 1% from a year earlier. The average live weight decreased 7 pounds to 1,234. Veal production totaled 16.5 million pounds dress weight, up 10% from a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 85,100 head, up 10% from a year earlier. The average live weight decreased 1 pound to 323. Pork production totaled 1.62 billion pounds dress weight, up 2% from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 8.2 million head, 2% above March 2002. The average live weight increased 1 pound to 268. Lamb and mutton production, at 18.2 million pounds dress weight, was down 18% from the previous year. Sheep slaughter totaled 264,000 head, down 19% from a year ago. The average live weight was unchanged at 138 pounds.

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER - MARCH

SPECIES	NORTH CAROLINA				UNITED STATES					
	Number Slaughtered [1]		Total Live Weight		Number Slaughtered [1]		Total Live Weight		Total Dressed Weight [2]	
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003
	Thous. Head		*Thous. Pounds*		*Million Head*		*Million Pounds*		*Million Pounds*	
Cattle	15.3	18.2	16,040	19,555	2.7	2.8	3,397	3,417	2,059	2,047
Calves	0.1	0.1	44	42	0.1	0.1	25	27	15	17
Sheep & Lambs					0.3	0.3	45	36	22	18
Hogs	822.7	846.6	211,764	215,445	8.0	8.2	2,133	2,182	1,581	1,619
TOTAL	838.1	864.9	227,848	235,042	11.1	11.4	5,600	5,662	3,678	3,701

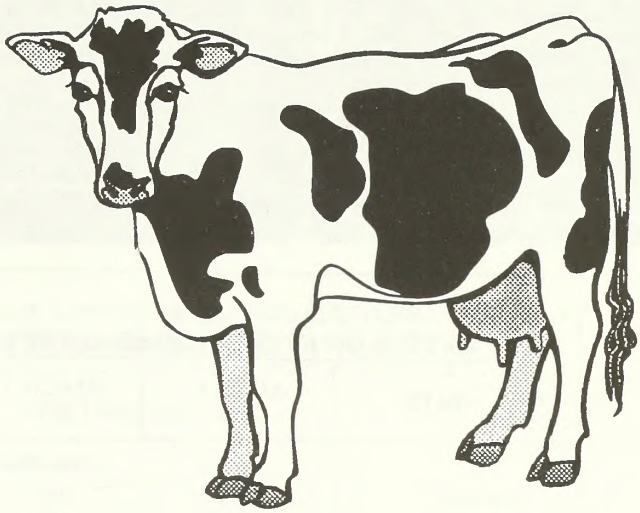
[1] Includes slaughter under Federal inspection and other commercial slaughter, excludes farm slaughter.
[2] Totals may not equal sum due to rounding.

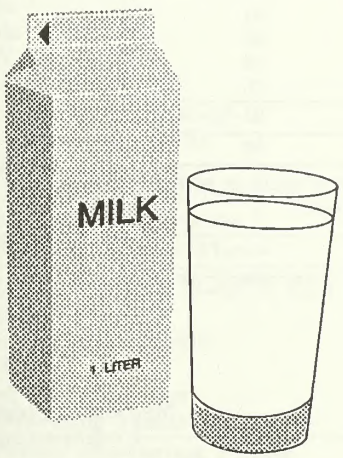
NC MILK PRODUCTION DOWN UNITED STATES UP

Milk production in North Carolina totaled 9 million pounds during the January-March 03 quarter, down 6% from a year earlier. e number of milk cows on Tar Heel farms s estimated at 62,000 head, down 3,000 from ear ago. The average milk per cow, at 4,500 nds, was down 85 pounds from the Janu--March 2002 quarter.

U.S. January-March quarterly production of lk was 43 billion pounds, up 1% from the ne quarter a year ago. The average number milk cows in the U.S. during the January-rch quarter was 9.16 million, up 43,000 from same period last year.

Nationally, milk production in the 20 major tes during March 2003 totaled 13 billion pounds, 2% from March of last year. Production per averaged 1,664 pounds for March, up 10 nds from March 2002. The number of milk s on farms in the 20 major states was 7.81 lion head, 67,000 more than March 2002 and 00 more than February 2003.





MILK PRODUCTION: JANUARY - MARCH

STATE	MILK COWS [1]		MILK PER COW [2]		MILK PRODUCTION [3]		
	2002	2003	2002	2003	Pounds 2002	Pounds 2003	2003 As % Of 2002
	Thousands		*Pounds*		*Millions*		*Percent*
N. Carolina	**65**	**62**	**4,585**	**4,500**	**298**	**279**	**94**
Florida	152	147	4,237	4,279	644	629	98
Maryland	81	79	4,111	4,190	333	331	99
S. Carolina	20	20	5,100	4,800	102	96	94
Tennessee	90	82	3,889	3,963	350	325	93
Virginia	120	118	4,133	3,924	496	463	93
UNITED STATES	9,112	9,155	4,653	4,692	42,397	42,958	101

[1] Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. [2] Milk per cow is derived. [3] Excludes milk sucked by calves.

TURKEY EGGS AND POULTS DOWN

Nationally, turkey eggs in incubators on April 1, 2003 totaled 31.9 million, down 3% from a year earlier. Eggs in incubators e up 2% from the March 1 total of 31.3 million. The 24.6 million poults placed during March 2003 in the United States were n 4% from the placements during the same month a year ago. Placements were up 3% from the February 2003 total of 23.8 lion. Regional placement percent changes from the previous year were: N & S Atlantic, down 6%; E N Central, up 3%; W N tral, down 3%; S Central, up 2%; and West, down 21%.

TURKEY HATCHERY - APRIL 1

GEOGRAPHIC DIVISION	Eggs in Incubators April 1			Poults Placed During March [1]		
	2002	2003	2003 as % of 2002	2002	2003	2003 as % of 2002
	Thousands		*Percent*	*Thousands*		*Percent*
North & South Atlantic	**9,641**	**9,551**	**99**	**8,143**	**7,642**	**94**
East North Central	4,834	4,869	101	3,654	3,773	103
West North Central	12,232	11,857	97	9,192	8,931	97
South Central	3,037	2,764	91	2,312	2,349	102
West	2,989	2,815	94	2,445	1,938	79
UNITED STATES	32,733	31,856	97	25,746	24,633	96

[1] Regional placements refer to poults placed from hatcheries located in that region, and not the actual location of the birds after placement.

CATTLE ON FEED DOWN

Nationally, cattle and calves on feed April 1, 2003 in feedlots of 1,000 or more head for slaughter totaled 10.7 million head, down 8% from a year ago and 7% below April 1, 2001. The inventory included 6.7 million steers and steer calves, down 7% from the previous year. This group accounted for 63% of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 3.9 million head, down 9% from 2002.

Placements in feedlots during March totaled 2.04 million, up 5% from a year ago and 11% above 2001. Net placements were 1.98 million. During March, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 276,000, 600-699 pounds were 390,000, 700-799 pounds were 744,000, 800 pounds and over were 632,000 head.

Marketings of fed cattle during March 2003 totaled 1.8 million, down 1% from 2002 and 6% below 2001. Other disappearance totaled 62,000 during March, down 10% from 2002 and 37% below 2001.

CATTLE ON FEED: NUMBER ON FEED, 1,000 + Capacity Feedlots [1]

STATE	APRIL 1, 2002	MARCH 1, 2003	APRIL 1, 2003	
			NUMBER	2003 as % of 2002
		1,000 Head		*Percent*
Arizona	314	279	278	89
California	485	470	470	97
Colorado	1,120	990	970	87
Idaho	325	280	280	86
Iowa	395	365	365	92
Kansas	2,420	2,240	2,320	96
Nebraska	2,300	2,190	2,190	95
New Mexico	113	112	105	93
Oklahoma	360	320	340	94
S Dakota	220	215	215	98
Texas	2,900	2,560	2,670	92
Washington	230	180	180	78
Other States	395	325	320	81
UNITED STATES	11,577	10,526	10,703	92

[1] Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

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SELECTED FLORICULTURE CROPS: QUANTITY SOLD AND WHOLESALE VALUE, NORTH CAROLINA, 2001 AND 2002

CROP	UNIT	Total Quantity Sold 2001	Total Quantity Sold 2002	Percent Change	Wholesale Value [1] 2001	Wholesale Value [1] 2002
		Thousand		*+/-*	*Thousand Dollars*	
BEDDING/GARDEN PLANTS						
Impatiens	Flats	531	518	-2	3,935	3,999
Petunias	Flats	364	363	0	2,930	2,933
Vegetable Type Bedding Plants	Flats	158	165	+4	1,193	1,416
Begonia [2]	Flats	430	523	+22	3,625	4,487
Marigold [2]	Flats	302	259	-14	2,334	1,922
Pansy/Viola [2]	Flats	1,593	1,663	+4	12,409	13,703
Other Plants in flats [3]	Flats	1,083	1,253	+16	8,289	9,669
Potted Geraniums (Cutting)	Pots	2,585	1,772	-31	5,496	4,439
Potted Geraniums (Seed)	Pots	1,715	470	-73	1,218	310
New Guinea Impatiens	Pots	926	1,214	+31	1,825	2,184
Other Potted Flowering Plants [4]	Pots	12,741	11,516	-10	17,816	13,702
Hanging Baskets, Flowering [5]	Baskets	3,705	3,489	-6	16,974	15,040
Total Bedding/Garden Plants		26,133	23,205	-11	78,044	73,804
POTTED FLOWERING PLANTS FOR INDOOR OR PATIO USE						
Poinsettias	Pots	5,290	5,957	+13	16,247	17,553
Chrysanthemums (Florist)	Pots	1,336	1,344	+1	4,346	4,131
Lilies, Easter	Pots	247	239	-3	1,144	1,107
Finished Florist Azaleas	Pots	89	71	-20	869	677
Other Flowering Plants [6]	Pots	5,943	7,773	+31	13,667	20,197
Total Potted Flowering Plants		12,905	15,384	+19	36,273	43,665
HERBACEOUS PERENNIALS						
Potted Hardy/Garden Chrysanthemums	Pots	9,310	8,610	-8	13,194	13,115
Other Herbaceous Perennials [7]	Pots	3,701	3,415	-8	10,515	10,593
Total Potted Herbaceous Perennials		13,011	12,025	-8	23,709	23,708
FOLIAGE FOR INDOOR OR PATIO USE						
Potted Foliage		-	-	-	2,147	2,165
Foliage Hanging Baskets	Baskets	1,321	831	-37	6,526	4,188
Total Foliage		-	-	-	8,673	6,353
CUT FLOWERS						
Snapdragons [2]	Spikes	1,138	1,011	-11	519	515
Other Cut Flowers [8]	Blooms	[9]	[9]	[9]	2,475	2,527
Total Cut Flowers		[9]	[9]	[9]	2,994	3,042
Total Propagative Sales [2]		-	-	-	2,821	2,802
TOTAL VALUE OF REPORTED CROPS For operations with $100,000+ sales		-	-	-	152,514	153,366
TOTAL VALUE OF REPORTED CROPS For operations with $10,000+ sales		-	-	-	161,899	160,770

[1] Equivalent wholesale value of all sales for operations with $100,000+ sales. [2] Series started in 2000. [3] Includes Geraniums, New Guinea Impatients and Other Flowering or Foliar Type Bedding Plants. [4] Includes Impatiens, Petunias, Pansy/Viola, Begonia, Marigold, Vegetable and other potted plants. [5] Includes Geraniums, Impatiens, New Guinea Impatiens, Petunias, Begonia, Marigold Pansy/Viola and other flowering hanging baskets. [6] Includes African Violets, Florist Roses, Orchids, spring flowering bulbs and other flowering potted plants. [7] Includes Ferns (hardy/garden), Hosta, Iris, Peony, and other Herbaceous Perennials. [8] Includes Chrysanthemums, Lilies, Orchids, Roses and other cut flowers. [9] Not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

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EGG PRODUCTION DOWN

North Carolina laying flocks produced 215 million eggs during March 2003, down slightly from the previous year. Production consisted of 78 million table eggs and 137 million hatching eggs. Table eggs were unchanged from a year ago, while hatching eggs decreased 1%. The average number of layers on hand during March was 11.2 million, down 2% from a year earlier. This number consisted of 3.4 million for table eggs and 7.8 million for broiler-type and egg-type hatching eggs.

United States egg production totaled 7.36 billion during March 2003, down 1% from a year ago. Production included 6.26 billion table eggs and 1.11 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.04 billion were broiler-type and 64 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during March 2003 averaged 338 million, up slightly from a year earlier. March egg production per 100 layers was 2,181 eggs, down 1% from March 2002.

All layers in the U.S. on April 1, 2003 totaled 338 million, up slightly from a year ago. The 338 million layers consisted of 278 million layers producing table or commercial type eggs, 57.3 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.63 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Daily rate of lay on April 1, 2003, averaged 70.8 eggs per 100 layers, down slightly from a year ago.

EGG PRODUCTION - MARCH

STATE	LAYERS ON HAND		TOTAL EGGS PRODUCED		TABLE EGGS		HATCHING EGGS	
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003
	Thousands		*Million Eggs*					
North Carolina	**11,330**	**11,152**	**216**	**215**	**78**	**78**	**138**	**137**
Alabama	10,410	9,856	199	190	57	54	142	136
Florida	10,507	10,903	230	244	217	235	13	9
Georgia	20,420	20,734	433	433	255	259	178	174
South Carolina	5,411	5,334	118	121	99	101	19	20
UNITED STATES	337,447	337,598	7,417	7,363	6,312	6,256	1,104	1,107

BROILER HATCH DOWN

North Carolina commercial hatcheries produced 67.6 million broiler-type chicks during March 2003, down 4% from the 70.7 million a year ago.

Nationally, the March 2003 hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 775 million, was down 2% from the previous year. There were 638 million eggs in incubators on April 1, 2003, down 1% from a year earlier. Leading breeders placed 6.3 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during March 2003, down 7% from March 2002.

CHICKS HATCHED - MARCH

STATE	BROILER-TYPE		
	2002	2003	2003 as % of 2002
	Thousands		*Percent*
North Carolina	**70,696**	**67,642**	**96**
Alabama	108,391	104,146	96
Arkansas	112,252	111,793	100
Delaware	13,124	12,621	96
Florida	8,465	5,899	70
Georgia	115,035	115,863	101
Kentucky	24,150	24,339	101
Maryland	35,980	34,248	95
Mississippi	70,481	70,801	100
Oklahoma	23,406	24,355	104
Pennsylvania	13,688	12,027	88
South Carolina	17,204	17,287	100
Texas	57,159	54,588	96
Virginia	24,650	24,632	100
California, Louisiana, Missouri, Tennessee & West Virginia	75,783	74,359	98
19 States [1]	770,464	754,600	98
Other States [2]	20,629	20,236	98
UNITED STATES	791,093	774,836	98

[1] States in the weekly hatchery production estimating program are those listed above. 2/ Not published separately to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED DOWN

Nationally, egg-type chicks hatched during March 2003 totaled 36.7 million, down 1% from March 2002. Eggs in incubators totaled 34.3 million on April 1, 2003, up 3% from a year earlier.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 315,000 during March 2003, up 33% from March 2002.

CHICKS HATCHED - MARCH

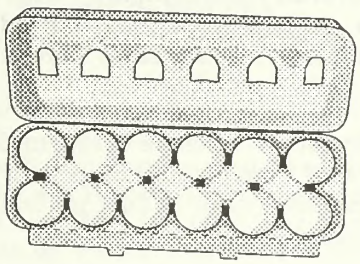
STATE	EGG-TYPE		
	2002	2003	2003 as % of 2002
	Thousands		*Percent*
Arkansas	681	730	107
Florida	629	571	91
Georgia	2,271	2,450	108
Indiana	5,314	4,878	92
Iowa	4,893	5,915	121
Minnesota	1,716	1,451	85
Pennsylvania	4,867	4,012	82
Other States [1]	16,606	16,719	101
UNITED STATES	36,977	36,726	99

[1] Not published separately to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

POULTRY VALUE OF PRODUCTION DOWN

The combined North Carolina value of production from broilers, eggs, turkeys, and sales from other chickens in 2002 was $2.0 billion, down 17% from 2001. Of the combined total, 67% was from broilers, 21% from turkeys, 11% from eggs, and less than 1% from other chickens. In addition, another $81 million came from other poultry items, which pushes the grand total to $2.1 billion.

The combined United States value of production from broilers, eggs, turkeys, and the value of sales from other chickens in 2002 was $20.4 billion, down 15% from the $24.0 billion in 2001. Of the combined total, 66% was from broilers, 21% from eggs, 13% from turkeys, and less than 1% from other chickens.



EGGS: Production, Price and Value, North Carolina, 1998-2002 [1]

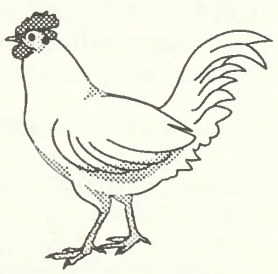
YEAR	Average Number Layers During Year	Average Eggs Laid Annually Per Layer On Farm	Eggs Produced	Average Price Per Dozen[2]	Value of Production
	Thousands	*Number*	*Million*	*Cents*	*Thousand Dollars*
1998	11,280	227	2,555	109.0	*232,079*
1999	11,316	229	2,587	107.0	230,674
2000	11,243	222	2,501	107.0	223,006
2001	11,139	228	2,535	110.0	232,375
2002	11,045	228	2,518	109.0	228,718

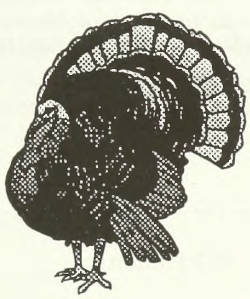
[1] Estimates cover the 12 month period Dec. 1, previous year through Nov. 30. [2] Average of all eggs sold by producers, including hatching eggs.

COMMERCIAL BROILERS: Production, Price and Value, North Carolina, 1998-2002 [1]

YEAR	Number Produced	Pounds Produced	Price Per Pound[2]	Value of Production
	Thousands		*Cents*	*Thousand Dollars*
1998	653,000	3,591,500	39.5	1,418,643
1999	674,600	3,865,500	37.0	1,430,235
2000	698,400	4,050,700	35.0	1,417,745
2001	712,300	4,202,600	40.0	1,681,040
2002	735,200	4,411,200	31.0	1,367,472

[1] Estimates cover the 12 month period Dec. 1, previous year through Nov. 30. [2] Liveweight equivalent price.





TURKEYS: Production, Price and Value, North Carolina, 1998-2002 [1]

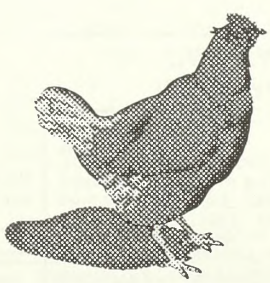
YEAR	Number Raised	Pounds Produced	Price Per Pound[2]	Value of Production
	Thousands		*Cents*	*Thousand Dollars*
1998	50,000	1,270,000	37.0	469,900
1999	44,000	1,069,200	42.0	449,064
2000	41,000	1,033,200	42.0	433,944
2001	43,000	1,130,900	40.0	452,360
2002	45,500	1,160,250	37.0	429,293

[1] Based on turkeys placed Sept. 1 - Aug. 31. Excludes young turkeys lost. [2] Live weight equivalent price.

CHICKENS: Sold, Price and Value, North Carolina, 1998-2002 [1]

YEAR	Number Sold	Pounds Sold	Price Per Pound	Value of Sales
	Thousands		*Cents*	*Thousand Dollars*
1998	9,825	68,775	7.0	*4,814*
1999	9,956	71,683	8.0	5,735
2000	12,750	95,625	6.3	6,024
2001	11,212	86,332	8.0	6,907
2002	13,264	102,133	7.0	7,149

[1] Estimates cover the 12 month period Dec. 1, previous year through Nov. 30 and excludes broilers.



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SELECTED FLORICULTURE CROPS VALUE UP SLIGHTLY

The total 2002 wholesale value of all floriculture crops for North Carolina producers with $10,000 or more in sales is estimated at $160.8 million. North Carolina sales rank 8th in the nation behind California, Florida, Michigan, Texas, Ohio, New York, and Pennsylvania. A total of 308 growers reported 17.4 million square feet of covered area and 405 acres of outdoor production. Only growers with sales of $100,000 or more were surveyed for selected floriculture crops. The wholesale value of the selected floriculture crops surveyed with $100,000 or more sales totaled $153.4 million in 2002, up 1% from 2001. The text below and table on the front page are based upon 134 growers with $100,000 or more in sales.

BEDDING/GARDEN PLANTS account for $73.8 million of the overall sales compared with the 2001 value of $78.0 million. Flats of bedding plants totaled $38.1 million, up 10% from 2001. Potted bedding plant sales decreased 22% in 2002, totaling $20.6 million. Flowering hanging baskets sales were down 11%, at $15.0 million.

POTTED FLOWERING PLANTS account for $43.7 million of the total wholesale value, up 20% from the 2001 value. Poinsettias led this category with $17.6 million generated from 6.0 million pots of all sizes. Potted chrysanthemums were down 5% in 2002 with an equivalent wholesale value of $4.1 million from 1.3 million pots. Potted florist azaleas and Easter lilies generated $1.8 million in sales.

HERBACEOUS PERENNIAL PLANTS account for $23.7 million of the total wholesale value, unchanged from 2001. Potted hardy/garden chrysanthemums led this category with $13.1 million generated from 8.6 million pots of all sizes. Other herbaceous plants sales were up 1%, at $10.6 million.

FOLIAGE HANGING BASKETS AND POTTED FOLIAGE had an equivalent wholesale value of $6.4 million in 2002. The value of foliage hanging baskets decreased 36% to $4.2 million. The wholesale value of sales for potted foliage in 2002 was $2.2 million, compared to last year's $2.1 million.

CUT FLOWER sales, at $3.04 million, increased 2% from $2.99 million in 2001.

The wholesale value of 2002 floriculture crops in the **United States** was up 2% from the revised 2001 valuation. The total value of all crops at wholesale for all growers with $10,000 or more in sales is estimated at $4.88 billion for 2002, compared with $4.80 billion for 2001. Growers with sales exceeding $100,000, which comprised 45% of all growers, account for 95% of the total value, at $4.62 billion.

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NORTH CAROLINA PRICES RECEIVED INDEX

The April 2003 "All Farm Products" index of prices received by North Carolina farmers, at 252% of its 1967 base, was down 2 points from the previous month. The index was 18 points above a year ago.

The April 2003 "All Crops" index, at 271, was up 1 point from the previous month and 19 points above a year earlier. The "Livestock and Livestock Products" index for April 2003, at 218, was down 7 points from the previous month, but was 16 points above the previous year.

The meat animals index for April 2003, at 232, was up 3 points from the previous month and 9 points above a year ago. The poultry index, at 218, was down 14 points from a month earlier, but was 32 points above the previous year. The dairy index, at 198, was down 3 points from a month earlier and 17 points below a year ago.

FARM PRICES INDEX NUMBERS

INDEX (1967 = 100)	April 15 2001 [1]	April 15 2002 [1]	March 15 2003 [1]	April 15 2003
NORTH CAROLINA				
Prices Received: All Farm Products	253	234	254	252
All Crops	257	252	270	271
Tobacco	282	283	290	290
Oil Bearing	199	164	222	227
Grains	169	174	212	212
Commercial Vegetables	199	207	220	220
Fruits	342	295	295	295
Livestock and Livestock Products	247	202	225	218
Meat Animals	295	223	229	232
Poultry	219	186	232	218
Dairy	258	215	201	198
UNITED STATES				
Prices Received, All Farm Products	269	239	251	258
Prices Paid, Commodities & Services [2]	484	482	[4]	500
Parity Ratio [3]	56	50	[4]	51

[1] Revised. [2] Including Interest, Taxes and Farm Wage Rates. [3] Ratio of Index of Prices Received by Farmers to Index of Prices Paid. [4] Available quarterly following February 1986 Survey.

PRICES RECEIVED FOR SELECTED COMMODITIES

The average price received for corn by North Carolina farmers in April 2003 was $2.92 per bushel, unchanged from the previous month, but 55 cents above a year ago. The April cotton price, at 43.6 cents per pound, was unchanged from the previous month, but was 11.4 cents above a year ago. The April soybean price, at $6.02 per bushel, was up 22 cents from the previous month and $1.40 above a year earlier.

Prices received for all hogs in April, at $34.40 per hundredweight, were down $1.10 from March, but was $3.00 above a year ago. The price for table eggs increased 2.5 cents in April to 52.5 cents per dozen due to seasonal influences. The April price was 26.5 cents above a year earlier.

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PRICES RECEIVED

COMMODITY	UNIT	NORTH CAROLINA April 2002	NORTH CAROLINA March 2003	NORTH CAROLINA April 2003	UNITED STATES April 2002	UNITED STATES March 2003	UNITED STATES April 2003
		Entire Month	*Entire Month*	*Mid Month*	*Entire Month*	*Entire Month*	*Mid Month*
				Dollars			
Tobacco, All [1]	Lb.	-	-	-	-	1.570	1.225
Corn	Bu.	2.37	2.92	2.92	1.91	2.33	2.35
Cotton	Lb.	.322	.436	.436	.272	.473	.450
Soybeans	Bu.	4.62	5.80	6.02	4.47	5.60	5.90
Peanuts, In Shell	Lb.	-	-	-	-	.225	.206
Hogs, All	Cwt.	31.40	35.50	34.40	31.70	34.70	33.80
Com'l Broilers [2]	Lb.	-	-	-	.280	.330	.310
Turkeys [2 3]	Lb.	-	-	-	.329	.351	.351
Eggs [3 4]	Doz.	.260	.500	.525	.325	.518	.520
Milk, All [2]	Cwt.	-	-	-	12.50	11.00	10.90
Potatoes	Cwt.	-	-	-	8.00	6.68	7.11
Apples, Com'l. [1]	Lb.	-	-	-	.218	.226	.234
Hay, All [3]	Ton	-	-	-	98.30	92.80	94.50

[1] Entire month. [2] North Carolina monthly estimates discontinued. [3] Mid month. [4] Market (Table) eggs including eggs sold retail by producers.

CROPS	PLANTED ACREAGE			HARVESTED ACREAGE			UNIT	YIE
	2000	2001	2002	2000	2001	2002		2000
NORTH CAROLINA		*Thousands*			*Thousand*			
Barley	30	28	31	18	18	20	Bu.	80
Corn for Grain [3]	730	700	790	640	625	700	Bu.	116
Corn for Silage [4]	-	-	-	85	72	70	Ton	15
Cotton, Upland [5]	930	970	940	925	965	920	Lb.	742
Cottonseed	-	-	-	-	-	-	Ton	-
Hay: Alfalfa [7]	-	-	-	20	20	20	Ton	2.70
Other	-	-	-	690	690	730	Ton	2.60
All	-	-	-	710	710	750	Ton	2.60
Irish Potatoes	17.5	19.5	21.5	17.0	18.5	21.0	Cwt.	200
Oats	60	60	75	30	30	35	Bu.	70
Peanuts	123.0	123.0	101.0	123.0	122.5	100.0	Lb.	2,750
Sorghum for Grain [3]	18	15	17	12	11	12	Bu.	50
Sorghum for Silage [4]	-	-	-	5	3	3	Ton	11
Soybeans for Beans	1,400	1,380	1,360	1,360	1,350	1,280	Bu.	32.5
Sweetpotatoes	38	37	40	37	36	37	Cwt.	150
Tobacco:								
Flue-cured	-	-	-	163.0	155.0	162.0 [6]	Lb.	2,421
Type 11	-	-	-	40.0	42.0	43.0 [6]	Lb.	2,500
Type 12	-	-	-	102.0	93.0	98.0 [6]	Lb.	2,405
Type 13	-	-	-	21.0	20.0	21.0 [6]	Lb.	2,350
Burley	-	-	-	7.4	6.7	6.3	Lb.	1,600
All	-	-	-	170.4	161.7	168.3 [6]	Lb.	2,386
Wheat	720	680	650	550	470	480	Bu.	50
FRUITS AND NUTS					*Actual Acres*			
Apples, Commercial [8]	-	-	-	9,000	8,000	7,000	Lb.	21,100
Blueberries [8]	-	-	-	3,600	2,700	3,700	Lb.	4,860
Grapes [8]	-	-	-	600	700	850	Ton	3.83
Peaches [8]	-	-	-	1,400	1,200	1,200	Lb.	8,570
Pecans, Improved	-	-	-	-	-	-	Lb.	-
Seedlings	-	-	-	-	-	-	Lb.	-
All	-	-	-	-	-	-	Lb.	-
VEGETABLES		*Actual Acres*			*Actual Acres*			
FRESH MARKET								
Bell Peppers	7,100	7,000	7,400	6,900	6,300	7,000	Cwt.	120
Cabbage, All [9]	9,300	9,400	9,500	9,000	9,100	9,000	Cwt.	180
Chile Peppers [10]	700	650	-	700	650	-	Cwt.	100
Collard Greens [10]	2,700	2,800	-	2,600	2,700	-	Cwt.	110
Cucumbers	6,900	7,300	7,500	6,800	6,900	7,000	Cwt.	125
Eggplants [10]	300	310	-	300	310	-	Cwt.	150
Lima Beans [10]	1,100	1,200	-	1,000	1,100	-	Cwt.	50
Mustard Greens [10]	1,500	1,400	-	1,400	1,300	-	Cwt.	75
Snap Beans, All	8,000	8,100	8,200	7,900	7,600	7,300	Cwt.	60
Squash	4,200	4,300	4,200	4,000	4,100	3,800	Cwt.	100
Strawberries, All	1,800	1,800	1,900	1,700	1,700	1,800	Cwt.	135
Sweet Corn	8,400	8,700	8,700	8,100	8,200	8,100	Cwt.	100
Tomatoes	2,600	2,700	3,000	2,400	2,600	2,700	Cwt.	290
Turnip Greens [10]	2,100	2,200	-	2,000	2,100	-	Cwt.	80
Watermelons	10,900	10,600	10,100	10,000	9,500	9,600	Cwt.	160
PROCESSING								
Cucumbers	18,200	18,200	18,500	18,000	17,600	18,000	Ton	5.00
UNITED STATES		*Thousand*			*Thousand*			
Barley	5,864	4,967	5,073	5,213	4,289	4,135	Bu.	61.1
Corn for Grain [3]	79,551	75,752	79,054	72,440	68,808	69,313	Bu.	136.9
Cotton, All [5]	15,517.2	15,768.5	13,957.9 [6]	13,053.0	13,827.7	12,426.6 [6]	Lb.	632
Hay, Al	-	-	-	59,854	63,521	64,497	Ton	2.54
Oats	4,477	4,403	5,005	2,329	1,905	2,098	Bu.	64.2
Peanuts	1,536.8	1,541.2	1,358.0	1,336.0	1,411.9	1,296.7	Lb.	2,444
Sorghum, Grain [3]	9,195	10,252	9,580	7,726	8,584	7,299	Bu.	60.9
Soybeans for Beans	74,266	74,075	73,758	72,408	72,975	72,160	Bu.	38.1
Sweetpotatoes	98.0	99.1	97.2	94.9	94.4	83.3	Cwt.	145
Tobacco:							Lb.	
Flue-cured	-	-	-	250.0	238.1	245.6 [6]	Lb.	2,396
Burley	-	-	-	185.4	164.3	158.6 [6]	Lb.	1,957
All	-	-	-	472.4	432.3 [6]	428.7 [6]	Lb.	2,229
Wheat, All	62,629	59,597	60,358	53,133	48,633	45,817	Bu.	42.0

[1] Received by Farmers. [2] Values are for the crop year and should not be confused with calendar year income. [3] Planted for all
[9] Includes small quantities for processing. [10] Fresh Market Vegetables started in 2000 and discontinued in 2002.

North Carolina and United States, 2000-2002

PRODUCTION			PRICE PER UNIT [1]			VALUE OF PRODUCTION [2]		
2000	2001	2002	2000	2001	2002	2000	2001	2002
Thousands			*Dollars*			*Thousand Dollars*		
1,440	1,206	1,380	1.55	1.50	1.60	2,232	1,809	2,208
74,240	78,125	58,100	2.01	2.36	2.90	149,222	184,375	168,490
1,275	1,368	910	-	-	-	-	-	-
1,429	1,673	806 [6]	0.530	0.317	0.420	363,538	254,564	162,490 [6]
508	559	272 [6]	89.50	79.50	94.00	45,466	44,441	25,568 [6]
54	60	36	110.00	120.00	125.00	5,940	7,200	4,500
1,794	1,518	1,095	70.00	70.00	80.00	125,580	106,260	87,600
1,848	1,578	1,131	71.00	72.00	81.50	131,520	113,460	92,100
3,400	3,515	3,570	6.50	6.00	8.35	22,100	21,090	29,810
2,100	1,680	1,995	1.45	1.65	1.80	3,045	2,772	3,591
338,250	356,475	210,000	0.273	0.248	0.208	92,342	88,406	43,680
600	770	540	2.00	2.10	2.35	1,200	1,617	1,270
55	30	15	-	-	-	-	-	-
44,200	43,200	30,080	4.51	4.29	5.50	199,342	185,328	165,440
5,550	5,580	4,810	12.30	12.00	13.00	68,265	66,960	62,530
394,660	376,200	338,470 [6]	1.798	1.856	1.817	709,775	698,114	615,125
100,000	105,000	95,675 [6]	1.817	1.856	1.829	181,700	194,880	174,990
245,310	223,200	197,960 [6]	1.795	1.857	1.815	440,331	414,482	359,297
49,350	48,000	44,835 [6]	1.778	1.849	1.803	87,744	88,752	80,838
11,840	10,720	9,450	1.968	1.950	1.948	23,301	20,904	18,409
406,500	386,920	347,920 [6]	1.803	1.858	1.821 [6]	733,076	719,018	633,534 [6]
27,500	18,330	20,160	2.35	2.40	3.00	64,625	43,992	60,480
145,000	107,000	150,000	0.126	0.149	0.126	18,225	15,931	18,882
17,500	13,500	15,500	1.040	1.400	1.450	18,130	18,900	22,534
2.3	2.0	2.3	1,160.00	1,270.00	1,280.00	2,661	2,532	2,934
12,000	3,500	10,000	0.37	0.40	0.35	4,440	1,400	3,500
1,400	2,700	1,500	1.15	0.65	1.00	1,610	1,755	1,500
200	500	400	0.80	0.45	0.65	160	225	260
1,600	3,200	1,900	1.110	0.619	0.926	1,770	1,980	1,760
828	788	910	21.00	20.50	22.00	17,388	16,154	20,020
1,620	1,911	1,980	9.00	8.80	9.00	14,580	16,817	17,820
70	72	-	19.00	25.00	-	1,330	1,800	-
286	243	-	30.00	26.00	-	8,580	6,318	-
850	828	805	14.00	13.00	15.00	11,900	10,764	12,075
45	37	-	20.00	21.00	-	900	777	-
50	33	-	35.00	45.00	-	1,750	1,485	-
105	91	-	29.00	27.00	-	3,045	2,457	-
474	342	365	29.00	26.00	30.00	13,746	8,892	10,950
400	390	380	23.00	25.00	27.00	9,200	9,750	10,260
231	196	225	75.00	85.00	85.00	17,325	16,660	19,125
810	861	729	15.00	14.80	15.50	12,150	12,743	11,300
696	832	891	30.00	28.00	27.00	20,880	23,296	24,057
160	147	-	28.00	26.00	-	4,480	3,822	-
1,600	1,473	1,632	6.00	5.70	6.50	9,600	8,396	10,608
90	86	81	270.00	280.00	290.00	24,300	24,147	23,490
		Thousands		*Dollars*			*Thousand Dollars*	
18,728	249,420	226,873	2.11	2.22	2.70	649,130	536,582	596,759
915,051	9,506,840	9,007,659	1.85	1.97	2.35	18,499,002	18,888,389	21,213,159
7,188.3	20,302.8	17,208.6 [6]	0.516	0.320	0.437	4,260,417	3,121,848	3,609,676 [6]
51,921	156,764	150,962	84.60	96.50	94.00	11,416,651	12,602,534	12,432,729
49,545	117,024	119,132	1.10	1.59	1.75	175,797	195,711	211,849
365,505	4,276,704	3,320,490	0.274	0.234	0.179	896,097	1,000,512	594,426
70,526	514,524	369,758	1.89	1.94	2.41	847,075	979,794	883,690
257,810	2,890,682	2,729,709	4.54	4.38	5.40	12,466,572	12,605,717	14,755,470
13,794	14,637	12,498	15.30	15.40	17.00	210,564	224,795	213,020
98,915	579,091	517,035 [6]	1.793	1.857	1.820	1,073,952	1,075,510	941,225
62,788	334,066	300,051 [6]	1.963	1.973	1.974	712,035	659,122	592,322
152,999	991,223 [6]	880,734 [6]	1.910	1.957 [6]	1.937 [6]	2,001,775	1,939,755 [6]	1,706,165 [6]
232,460	1,957,043	1,616,441	2.62	2.78	3.60	5,782,107	5,440,217	5,863,378

weight. [5] Production in 480-lb. net weight bales. [6] Revised. [7] Includes alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures. [8] Ulitized production.

N.C. WHEAT PRODUCTION DOWN; U.S. UP

Based on May 1 conditions, North Carolina farmers expect to harvest 420,000 acres of wheat in 2003, the lowest since 1980. Wheat being seeded behind soybeans were delayed due to soggy fields, causing much of the late planted wheat to be utilized for cover or hay. Yield, forecast at 41 bushels per acre, was impacted by the late planting dates and wet spring conditions which negatively affected tiller counts and increased pest pressure. Production, at 17.2 million bushels, declined 15% from the previous year and, if realized, will be the lowest since 1986.

Winter Wheat production at the national level is forecast at 1.56 billion bushels, up 37% from 2002. Based on May 1 conditions, the U.S. yield is forecast at 42.9 bushels per acre, 4.4 bushels above last year. Grain area totals 36.4 million acres, up 23% from last season.

IRISH POTATO PRODUCTION DOWN

Irish potato production in North Carolina for 2003 is estimated at 2,805,000 cwt., down 21% from the 2002 production of 3,570,000 cwt. Growers expect to harvest 17,000 acres, down 4,000 from last year's acreage. Yield is forecast at 165 cwt. per acre, down 5 cwt. from the 2002 yield. The heavy rain at the end of March decelerated growth and is expected to delay harvest at least a week.

U.S. production of spring potatoes for 2003 is forecast at 22.3 million cwt., down 4% from last year. The average yield is forecast at 269 cwt. per acre, down 2 cwt. from last year. The average yield is 13 cwt. below the April 1 forecast. Area for harvest is estimated at 82,900 acres, down 4% from a year ago.

FEED PRICES PAID BY FARMERS

TYPE OF FEED	REGIONS, APRIL 2003			UNITED STATES		
	Appalachian [1]	Northeast [1]	Corn Belt [1]	Apr. 2001	Apr. 2002	Apr. 2003
	Dollars - Per Ton					
Hog Feed						
14-18% Protein	266.00	250.00	215.00	215.00	216.00	223.00
38-42% Protein Conc	350.00	352.00	314.00	302.00	307.00	322.00
Mixed Dairy Feed						
16% Protein	185.00	194.00	199.00	184.00	190.00	200.00
18% Protein	190.00	207.00	230.00	185.00	194.00	207.00
20% Protein	188.00	202.00	241.00	184.00	191.00	201.00
32-38% Protein Conc	289.00	304.00	321.00	291.00	298.00	311.00
Beef Cattle Feed						
32-36% Protein Conc	320.00	301.00	313.00	279.00	277.00	290.00
Poultry Feeds						
Broiler Grower	348.00	249.00	250.00	232.00	259.00	234.00
Chick Starter	357.00	261.00	287.00	239.00	240.00	241.00
Laying Feed	225.00	232.00	237.00	212.00	225.00	232.00
Turkey Grower	367.00	257.00	302.00	259.00	264.00	279.00
	Dollars - Per Cwt.					
Grain By-Products						
Alfalfa Meal	16.70	17.50	14.30	13.40	14.40	15.00
Alfalfa Pellets	17.80	18.00	14.90	13.40	14.40	15.30
Bran	15.10	12.80	12.20	13.40	13.60	13.70
Corn Meal	8.90	9.50	10.40	7.59	8.06	9.90
High Protein Feeds						
Cottonseed Meal 41%	15.80	17.80	15.20	15.70	15.80	16.60
Soybean Meal 44%	17.10	14.90	12.80	13.40	13.50	14.50
Molasses, Liquid	13.90	11.30	15.60	12.40	12.90	13.30
	Dollars - Per 50 Lb.					
Stock Salt	5.00	5.40	4.40	4.05	4.12	4.30
Trace Mineral Blocks	5.60	6.60	5.60	5.14	5.24	5.40

[1] Appalachian: KY, NC, TN, VA, WV; Northeast: CT, DE, ME, MD, MA, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT; Corn Belt: IL, IN, IA, MO, OH.

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HIRED WORKERS DOWN

During the survey week of April 6-12, 2003, farms in the Appalachian I Region (North Carolina and Virginia) hired 29,000 workers. This is down from 36,000 hired in April of 2002, but seasonally up from the 27,000 estimated working in January 2003. The average wage rate for the Appalachian I region was $8.77, up $0.32 from April 2002.

There were 781,000 workers hired on the Nation's farms and ranches during the week of April 6-12, 2003. This compares with 890,000 workers hired during the April 2002 survey week. Agricultural service employees on farms and ranches made up the remaining 157,000 workers in April 2003. Nationally, farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of $9.16 per hour during the April 2003 survey week, up $0.33 from April 2002.

WAGE RATES FOR HIRED WORKERS [1], April 6-12, 2003 WITH COMPARISONS [2]

Region [3]	Type of Work						Number of Hired Workers	
	Field		Livestock		All Hired [4]			
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003
	Dollars Per Hour						(000)	
Appalachian I	7.42	8.18	8.60	8.37	8.45	8.77	36	29
Appalachian II	6.89	7.32	7.87	7.24	7.63	7.64	23	29
Southeast	7.28	7.58	8.29	8.78	7.94	8.71	44	27
United States [5]	8.06	8.40	8.43	8.75	8.83	9.16	890	781

[1] Excludes agricultural service workers [2] Survey period in 2002 was April 7-13 [3] Appalachian I: NC, VA; Appalachian II: KY, TN, WV; Southeast: AL, GA, SC [4] All Hired Workers includes supervisory and other workers. Piece rates not included [5] Excludes Alaska

APRIL EGG PRODUCTION

North Carolina laying flocks produced 208 million eggs during April 2003, down 1% from the previous year. Production consisted of 76 million table eggs and 132 million hatching eggs. Table eggs increased 4%, while hatching eggs decreased 4% from a year ago. The average number of layers on hand during April was 10.9 million, down 3% from a year earlier. This number consisted of 3.3 million for table eggs and 7.6 million for broiler-type and egg-type hatching eggs.

U.S. egg production totaled 7.13 billion during April 2003, up slightly from a year ago. Production included 6.05 billion table eggs and 1.08 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.02 billion were broiler-type and 63 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during April 2003 averaged 336 million, down slightly from a year earlier. April egg production per 100 layers was 2,123 eggs, up 1% from April 2002.

All layers in the U.S. on May 1, 2003 totaled 334 million, down 1% from a year ago. The 334 million layers consisted of 274 million layers producing table or commercial type eggs, 57.6 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.77 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Daily rate of lay on May 1, 2003 averaged 70.5 eggs per 100 layers, up 2% a year ago.

CHICKEN EGGS IN INCUBATORS - MAY 1

GEOGRAPHIC DIVISION	BROILER-TYPE			EGG-TYPE		
	2002	2003	2003 as % of 2002	2002	2003	2003 as % of 2002
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
South Atlantic	**242,553**	**238,944**	**99**	**4,949**	**2,809**	**57**
North Atlantic	12,407	11,913	96	5,007	4,319	86
East North Central	7,939	8,220	104	7,278	8,426	116
West North Central	22,632	23,654	105	7,675	8,774	114
South Central	341,000	338,337	99	5,366	5,568	104
West	25,907	24,942	96	5,712	4,914	86
UNITED STATES	652,438	646,010	99	35,987	34,810	97

EGG PRODUCTION - APRIL

STATE	LAYERS ON HAND		TOTAL EGGS PRODUCED		TABLE EGGS		HATCHING EGGS	
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003
	Thousands		Million Eggs					
North Carolina	**11,320**	**10,948**	**210**	**208**	**73**	**76**	**137**	**132**
Alabama	10,198	9,739	190	182	52	49	138	133
Florida	10,551	10,577	221	229	209	220	12	9
Georgia	20,438	20,516	415	419	240	247	175	172
South Carolina	5,333	5,421	113	115	94	96	19	19
UNITED STATES	336,776	335,807	7,105	7,129	6,016	6,046	1,089	1,083

TURKEY EGGS AND PLACEMENTS DOWN

Nationally, turkey eggs in incubators on May 1, 2003 totaled 31.8 million, down 2% from a year earlier. Eggs in incubators were slightly below the April 1, 2003 total of 32.0 million. The 24.9 million poults placed during April 2003 in the United States were down 5% from the placements during the same month a year ago. Placements were down slightly from the March 2003 total of 24.9 million. Regional placement percent changes from the previous year were: N & S Atlantic, up 3%; E N Central, down 5%; W N Central, down 7%; S Central, down 21%; and West, down 5%.

TURKEY HATCHERY - MAY 1

GEOGRAPHIC DIVISION	Eggs in Incubators May 1			Poults Placed During April [1]		
	2002	2003	2003 as % of 2002	2002	2003	2003 as % of 2002
	Thousands		*Percent*	*Thousands*		*Percent*
North & South Atlantic	**9,058**	**9,898**	**109**	**7,833**	**8,051**	**103**
East North Central	5,248	4,810	92	3,907	3,700	95
West North Central	12,331	11,895	96	9,525	8,850	93
South Central	3,070	2,459	80	2,622	2,079	79
West	2,797	2,787	100	2,297	2,182	95
UNITED STATES	32,504	31,849	98	26,184	24,862	95

[1] Regional placements refer to poults placed from hatcheries located in that region, and not the actual location of the birds after placement.

BROILER HATCH DOWN

North Carolina commercial hatcheries produced 67.2 million broiler-type chicks during April 2003, down 2% from the 68.4 million a year ago.

Nationally, the April 2003 hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 761 million, was down 1% from the previous year. There were 646 million broiler-type eggs in incubators on May 1, 2003, down 1% from a year earlier. Leading breeders placed 6.7 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during April 2003, down 1% from April 2002.

U.S. INTENDED PLACEMENTS: EGG-TYPE PULLET CHICKS FOR HATCHERY SUPPLY FLOCKS [1]

MONTH	PULLET CHICKS HATCHED			2003 as % of	CUM. PLAC. RELATIVE TO CUR. SUPPLY FLOCKS 7-18 Months Earlier [2]		
	2001	2002	2003	2002	2001	2002	2003
	Thousands			*Percent*	*Thousands*		
January	236	228	198	87	3,129	3,158	2,974
February	214	247	221	89	3,191	3,205	2,916
March	284	237	315	133	3,090	3,239	2,886
April	311	295	276	94	3,096	3,225	2,944
May	315	319			3,057	3,134	2,980
June	261	221			3,103	3,087	2,946
July	340	282			3,173	3,048	2,927
August	251	221			3,197	3,040	2,897
September	219	277			3,160	3,073	2,871
October	150	186			3,158	3,026	2,949
November	261	227			3,160	3,010	2,930
December	206	187			3,132	3,014	
TOTAL	3,048	2,927					

[1] Reported by leading breeders. Coverage may not be 100 percent. Includes expected pullet chicks from eggs sold during the preceding month at the rate of 125 pullet chicks per 30 dozen case of eggs. [2] For April 2003, includes breeder pullet chicks hatched October 2001 through September 2002. The 7-18 months represent the first laying cycle. Molting and additional laying cycles will increase the cumulative potential placements.

CHICKS HATCHED - APRIL

STATE	BROILER-TYPE		
	2002	2003	2003 as % of 2002
	Thousands		*Percent*
North Carolina	**68,429**	**67,214**	**98**
Alabama	104,539	102,088	98
Arkansas	107,781	106,918	99
Delaware	12,435	13,228	106
Florida	8,267	5,668	69
Georgia	111,694	112,495	101
Kentucky	23,171	23,573	102
Louisiana	13,458	13,502	100
Maryland	33,804	34,559	102
Mississippi	68,376	69,272	101
Oklahoma	22,555	24,001	106
Pennsylvania	13,081	12,810	98
South Carolina	16,385	17,018	104
Texas	55,612	52,510	94
Virginia	23,607	23,880	101
California, Missouri, Tennessee & West Virginia	59,576	59,932	101
19 States [1]	742,770	738,668	99
Other States [2]	22,645	22,477	99
UNITED STATES	765,415	761,145	99

[1] States in the weekly hatchery production estimating program are those listed above. [2] Not published separately to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED DOWN

Nationally, egg-type chicks hatched during April 2003 totaled 37.5 million, down 1% from April 2002. Eggs in incubators totaled 34.8 million on May 1, 2003, down 3% from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 276,000 during April 2003, down 6% from April 2002.

CHICKS HATCHED - APRIL

STATE	EGG-TYPE		
	2002	2003	2003 as % of 2002
	Thousands		*Percent*
Arkansas	738	695	94
Florida	642	563	88
Georgia	2,149	2,429	113
Indiana	5,339	4,893	92
Iowa	5,784	6,398	111
Minnesota	1,317	1,451	110
Pennsylvania	4,402	4,740	108
Other States [1]	17,717	16,362	92
UNITED STATES	38,088	37,531	99

[1] Not published separately to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

N. C. RED MEAT PRODUCTION UP
UNITED STATES DOWN

Commercial red meat production in **North Carolina** during April 2003 totaled 183 million pounds dress weight, up 1% from year earlier. Commercial slaughter of livestock in North Carolina during April 2003 totaled 249 million pounds live weight, up % from a year earlier. Cattle slaughter totaled 19 million pounds, up 13%. Calf slaughter, at 39,000 pounds, was down 17% from year earlier. Hog slaughter, at 230 million pounds, was up 1% from a year earlier. The average live weight per head was: cattle 063 pounds; calves 407 pounds; and hogs 254 pounds.

Nationally, commercial red meat production during April 2003 totaled 3.85 billion pounds dress weight, down 1% from the 90 billion pounds produced in April 2002. Commercial red meat production includes slaughter in federally inspected and other ants, but excludes animals slaughtered on farms. **Beef production** in the U. S. totaled 2.15 billion pounds dress weight, down % from the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.97 million head, up 1% from a year earlier. The average live weight creased 18 pounds to 1,209. **Pork production** totaled 1.66 billion pounds dress weight, down 1% from the previous year. Hog ll totaled 8.33 million head, 1% below April 2002. The average live weight increased 1 pound to 268. **Veal production** totaled million pounds dress weight, down 1% from a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 79,300 head, down 3% from a year ago. The erage live weight increased 9 pounds to 336. **Lamb and mutton production** totaled 19.4 million pounds dress weight, up 2% m a year ago. Sheep slaughter totaled 295,600 head, up 6% from the previous year. The average live weight decreased 5 unds to 132.

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER - APRIL

SPECIES	NORTH CAROLINA				UNITED STATES					
	Number Slaughtered [1]		Total Live Weight		Number Slaughtered [1]		Total Live Weight		Total Dressed Weight [2]	
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003
	Thous. Head		*Thous. Pounds*		*Million Head*		*Million Pounds*		*Million Pounds*	
Cattle	15.7	17.7	16,712	18,843	2.9	3.0	3,619	3,586	2,195	2,153
Calves	0.1	0.1	47	39	0.1	0.1	27	27	16	16
Sheep & Lambs					0.3	0.3	38	39	19	19
Hogs	888.8	905.0	228,931	230,289	8.4	8.3	2,253	2,232	1,672	1,657
TOTAL	904.6	922.8	245,690	249,171	11.7	11.7	5,937	5,884	3,902	3,846

[1] Includes slaughter under Federal inspection and other commercial slaughter, excludes farm slaughter.
[2] Totals may not equal sum due to rounding.

CATTLE ON FEED DOWN

Nationally, cattle and calves on feed May 1, 2003 in feedlots of 1,000 or more head for slaughter totaled 10.5 million head, wn 4% from a year ago and 6% below May 1, 2001.

Placements in feedlots during April totaled 1.87 million, 29% above a year ago and 21% above 2001. Net placements were 31 million. During April, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 296,000, 600-699 pounds were 4,000, 700-799 pounds were 613,000, 800 pounds and over were 637,000 head.

Marketings of fed cattle during April 2003 totaled 1.99 million, down 1% from a year ago, but 9% above 2001. Other appearance totaled 63,000 head during April, down 24% from 2002 and 29% below 2001.

CATTLE ON FEED: NUMBER ON FEED, 1,000 + Capacity Feedlots [1]

STATE	MAY 1, 2002	APRIL 1, 2003	MAY 1, 2003	
			NUMBER	2003 as % of 2002
	1,000 Head			*Percent*
Arizona	304	278	269	88
California	480	470	465	97
Colorado	1,080	970	1,000	93
Idaho	315	280	275	87
Iowa	385	365	360	94
Kansas	2,270	2,320	2,270	100
Nebraska	2,170	2,190	2,080	96
New Mexico	97	105	101	104
Oklahoma	340	340	330	97
S Dakota	215	215	215	100
Texas	2,700	2,670	2,680	99
Washington	215	180	170	79
Other States	380	320	310	82
UNITED STATES	10,951	10,703	10,525	96

[1] Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

PEANUT STOCKS DOWN

Peanut stocks in commercial storage on April 30, 2003 in the United States were down 40% from last year and totaled 1.73 billion pounds of equivalent farmer stock, compared to 2.89 billion pounds last year. This total includes 882 million pounds of actual farmer stock.

Shelled peanuts on hand totaled 782 million pounds of farmer stock equivalent. Roasting stock totaled 61.6 million pounds. There were no Commodity Credit Corporation uncommitted stocks on hand as of April 30, 2003.

Shelled peanut stocks totaled 588 million pounds of which 565 million pounds were edible grades and 23 million pounds were oil stocks. Edible grade stocks by type were 77.2 million pounds of Virginias, 445 million pounds of Runners, and 43.2 million pounds of Spanish.

NORTH CAROLINA LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY

Inventory Values, 1994-2003

YEAR	ALL CATTLE AND CALVES January 1		ALL HOGS AND PIGS December 1		ALL CHICKENS December 1		ALL SHEEP AND LAMBS January 1	
	Farm Value Per Head	Total Value	Farm Value Per Head	Total Value	Farm Value Per Head	Total Value	Farm Value Per Head	Total Value
	Dollars	*Thous. Dollars*	*Dollars*	*Thous. Dollars*	*Dollars*	*Thous. Dollars*	*Dollars*	*Thous. Dollars*
1994	530.00	545,900	55.00	385,000	3.70	71,928	72.00	1,253
1995	505.00	545,400	70.00	574,000	4.00	75,340	86.00	1,376
1996	420.00	474,600	92.00	855,600	4.60	79,493	85.00	1,275
1997	400.00	440,000	72.00	691,200	4.60	79,005	105.00	1,523
1998	490.00	470,400	41.00	397,700	4.60	79,212	115.00	1,610
1999	480.00	470,400	63.00	598,500	5.00	85,675	99.00	1,436
2000	550.00	517,000	62.00	576,600	4.00	71,036	n/a	n/a
2001	600.00	570,000	62.00	607,600	5.00	90,605	n/a	n/a
2002	620.00	589,000	58.00	562,600	4.80	81,802	n/a	n/a
2003	600.00	552,000	-	-	-	-	n/a	n/a

Note: Sheep value was discontinued January 2000.

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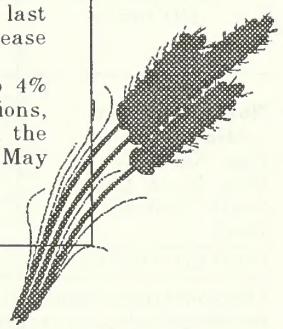
STATE'S WHEAT CROP DOWN U.S. UP

North Carolina's 2003 expected wheat production, at 17.2 million bushels, is down 15% from last year's drought stricken crop, but remains the same as last month's forecast. The main contributor to the lower production level is reduced expectations for harvested acreage, down 60,000 to 420,000 acres. Harvest had barely begun during the first week of June, but farmers are anticipating an average yield of 41 bushels per acre, one bushel less than last year. Low yield expectations are the result of late planting dates and disease stress encountered during the soggy growing season.

U.S. winter wheat production is forecast at 1.63 billion bushels, up 4% from the May 1 forecast and 42% above 2002. Based on June 1 conditions, the U.S. yield is forecast at 44.6 bushels per acre, up 1.7 bushels from the previous forecast. Grain area totals 36.4 million acres, unchanged from May 1, but 23% above last year.



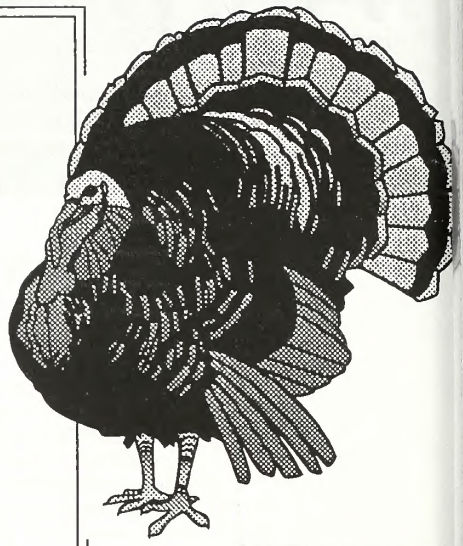
WINTER WHEAT - Acreage, Yield and Production, 2001-2003

STATES	ACRES HARVESTED		YIELD		PRODUCTION		
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2001	2002	2003
	1,000 Acres		*Bushels*		*1,000 Bushels*		
North Carolina	**480**	**420**	**42.0**	**41.0**	**18,330**	**20,160**	**17,220**
Arkansas	840	610	46.0	51.0	50,440	38,640	31,110
California	300	350	75.0	75.0	26,600	22,500	26,250
Colorado	1,650	2,200	22.0	33.0	66,000	36,300	72,600
Delaware	58	47	70.0	62.0	3,477	4,060	2,914
Georgia	200	230	41.0	50.0	10,600	8,200	11,500
Idaho	690	710	79.0	82.0	51,830	54,510	58,220
Illinois	650	780	49.0	56.0	43,920	31,850	43,680
Indiana	330	420	53.0	63.0	25,080	17,490	26,460
Kansas	8,100	9,700	33.0	44.0	328,000	267,300	426,800
Kentucky	340	300	53.0	57.0	23,760	18,020	17,100
Maryland	180	150	66.0	64.0	11,025	11,880	9,600
Michigan	490	660	67.0	66.0	35,840	32,830	43,560
Mississippi	205	125	44.0	50.0	11,700	9,020	6,250
Missouri	760	780	45.0	51.0	41,040	34,200	39,780
Montana	750	1,700	28.0	38.0	19,140	21,000	64,600
Nebraska	1,520	1,650	32.0	44.0	59,200	48,640	72,600
New York	128	119	58.0	60.0	6,360	7,424	7,140
Ohio	810	960	62.0	68.0	60,300	50,220	65,280
Oklahoma	3,500	4,700	28.0	36.0	122,100	98,000	169,200
Oregon	710	940	41.0	53.0	28,000	29,110	49,820
Pennsylvania	185	160	54.0	53.0	8,320	9,990	8,480
South Carolina	190	200	37.0	39.0	9,030	7,030	7,800
South Dakota	625	1,440	29.0	40.0	11,840	18,125	57,600
Tennessee	300	300	46.0	50.0	18,360	13,800	15,000
Texas	2,700	3,700	29.0	29.0	108,800	78,300	107,300
Virginia	170	160	63.0	58.0	10,200	10,710	9,280
Washington	1,750	1,800	59.0	62.0	106,750	103,250	111,600
Wyoming	120	160	19.0	28.0	2,880	2,280	4,480
Other States [1]	920	976	41.3	44.2	42,557	37,963	43,152
United States	29,651	36,447	38.5	44.6	1,361,479	1,142,802	1,626,376

[1] *Other States include AL, AZ, FL, IA, LA, MN, NV, NJ, NM, ND, UT, WV, and WI.*

TURKEY EGGS UP; PLACEMENTS DOWN

Nationally, turkey eggs in incubators on June 1, 2003 totaled 33.0 million, up slightly from a year earlier. Eggs in incubators were up 3% from the May 1 total of 32.1 million. The 24.9 million poults placed during May 2003 in the United States were down 2% from the placements during the same month a year ago. Placements were virtually unchanged from the April 2003 total of 24.9 million. Regional placement percent changes from the previous year were: N & S Atlantic, up 14%; E N Central, down 6%; W N Central, down 4%; S Central, down 30%; and West, down 6%.



TURKEY HATCHERY - JUNE 1

GEOGRAPHIC DIVISION	Eggs in Incubators June 1			Poults Placed During May [1]		
	2002	2003	2003 as % of 2002	2002	2003	2003 as % of 2002
	Thousands		*Percent*	*Thousands*		*Percent*
North & South Atlantic	**8,879**	**10,068**	**113**	**6,978**	**7,987**	**114**
East North Central	5,056	4,817	95	4,095	3,832	94
West North Central	11,704	11,772	101	9,499	9,084	96
South Central	3,429	2,559	75	2,762	1,944	70
West	3,835	3,826	100	2,217	2,086	94
UNITED STATES	32,903	33,042	100	25,551	24,933	98

[1] Regional placements refer to poults placed from hatcheries located in that region, and not the actual location of the birds after placement.

FARM PRICES INDEX NUMBERS

INDEX (1967 = 100)	May 15 2001 [1]	May 15 2002 [1]	April 15 2003 [1]	May 15 2003
NORTH CAROLINA				
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Prices Received: All Farm Products	254	236	252	255
All Crops	257	253	271	273
Tobacco	282	283	290	290
Oil Bearing	202	168	228	237
Grains	167	178	209	226
Commercial Vegetables	199	207	220	220
Fruits	342	295	295	295
Livestock and Livestock Products	248	206	219	221
Meat Animals	297	226	237	258
Poultry	215	195	218	211
Dairy	272	208	195	197
UNITED STATES				
Prices Received, All Farm Products	274	244	257	272
Prices Paid, Commodities & Services [2]	[4]	[4]	500	[4]
Parity Ratio [3]	[4]	[4]	51	[4]

[1] Revised. [2] Including Interest, Taxes and Farm Wage Rates. [3] Ratio of Index of Prices Received by Farmers to Index of Prices Paid. [4] Available quarterly following February 1986 Survey.

NORTH CAROLINA PRICES RECEIVED INDEX

The May 2003 "All Farm Products" index of prices received by North Carolina farmers, at 255% of its 1967 base, was up 3 points from a month earlier. Contributing most to the increase were higher prices for corn, soybeans and hogs. The index was 19 points above a year ago.

The May 2003 "All Crops" index, at 273, was up 2 points from the previous month and 20 points above a year earlier. The "Livestock and Livestock Products" index for May 2003, at 221, was up 2 points from the previous month and 15 points from the previous year.

The meat animals index for May 2003, at 258, was up 21 points from the previous month and was 32 points above a year ago. The poultry index, at 211, was down 7 points from a month earlier, but was 16 points above last year. The dairy index, at 197, was up 2 points from a month earlier, but was 11 points below a year ago.

PRICES RECEIVED FOR SELECTED COMMODITIES

The average price received for corn by North Carolina farmers in May 2003 was $3.12 per bushel, up 24 cents from the previous month and 69 cents above a year ago. The May soybean price, at $6.47 per bushel, was up 38 cents from the previous month and $1.69 from a year earlier.

Prices received for all hogs in May, at $43.30 per hundredweight, were up $7.40 from April and $9.10 from a year ago. The price for table eggs decreased 14.5 cents in May to 38.0 cents per dozen, a normal seasonal decline. The May price was 13 cents above a year earlier.

PRICES RECEIVED

COMMODITY	UNIT	NORTH CAROLINA			UNITED STATES		
		May 2002	April 2003	May 2003	May 2002	April 2003	May 2003
		Entire Month	*Entire Month*	*Mid Month*	*Entire Month*	*Entire Month*	*Mid Month*
				Dollars			
Corn	Bu.	2.43	2.88	3.12	1.93	2.34	2.44
Cotton	Lb.	.315	.436	-	.267	.450	.466
Soybeans	Bu.	4.78	6.09	6.47	4.64	5.82	6.19
Hogs, All	Cwt.	34.20	35.90	43.30	33.20	34.80	40.60
Com'l Broilers [1]	Lb.	-	-	-	.300	.310	.330
Turkeys [1 2]	Lb.	-	-	-	.358	.351	.344
Eggs [2 3]	Doz.	.250	.525	.380	.301	.520	.397
Milk, All [1]	Cwt.	-	-	-	12.10	11.00	11.10
Potatoes	Cwt.	-	-	-	8.62	7.49	7.06
Apples, Com'l. [4]	Lb.	-	-	-	.215	.234	.218
Hay, All [2]	Ton	-	-	-	103.00	94.50	99.20

[1] North Carolina monthly estimates discontinued. [2] Mid month. [3] Market (Table) eggs including eggs sold retail by producers. [4] Entire month.

SWEETPOTATO PRODUCTION DOWN

The 2002 end of season estimate of North Carolina sweetpotato production totaled 481 million pounds, down 14% from 2001. Harvested area, at 37,000 acres was up 1,000 acres from a year earlier. Average yield per acre is estimated at 13,000 pounds, down 2,500 pounds from 2001. North Carolina ranked first in the Nation in sweetpotato production, followed by California, Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas and Alabama.

U.S. production of sweetpotatoes totaled 1.29 billion pounds for 2002, down 12% from a year earlier. Growers harvested 83,500 acres in 2002, down 12% from the previous year. The average yield is 15,400 pounds per acre, down 100 pounds from the previous crop.

SWEETPOTATOES: Acreage, Yield and Production, 2001-2002, Revised

STATE	AREA PLANTED		AREA HARVESTED		YIELD		PRODUCTION	
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002
	1,000 Acres				*Cwt.*		*1,000 Cwt.*	
North Carolina	**37.0**	**40.0**	**36.0**	**37.0**	**155**	**130**	**5,580**	**4,810**
Alabama	3.0	2.9	2.9	2.7	170	180	493	486
California	10.0	10.4	10.0	10.4	230	265	2,300	2,756
Georgia [1]	0.5	-	0.4	-	100	-	40	-
Louisiana	24.0	21.0	22.0	15.0	140	125	3,080	1,875
Mississippi	16.7	16.0	16.0	12.3	150	160	2,400	1,968
New Jersey	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	105	125	126	150
South Carolina	2.0	1.7	1.6	1.1	80	110	128	121
Texas	4.2	3.5	3.8	3.3	100	180	380	594
Virginia	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	220	210	110	105
United States	99.1	97.2	94.4	83.5	155	154	14,637	12,865

[1] Estimates discontinued in 2002

NORTH CAROLINA'S RANK IN U.S. AGRICULTURE, 2002

US	Item	Production		N.C. Percent of U.S. Production	Top Three States
1	**Total Tobacco**	348	**(Mil Lbs)**	39.5	NC, KY, TN
	Flue-Cured Tobacco	338	**(Mil Lbs)**	65.5	NC, SC, GA
	Sweetpotatoes	4,810	**(000 Cwt.)**	37.4	NC, CA, MS
	Turkeys Raised	45.5	**(Mil Hd)**	16.7	NC, MN, AR
2	Hogs & Pigs (12-1-02)	9.7	(Mil Hd)	16.4	IA, NC, MN
	Christmas Trees Cash Receipts [1]	$98	(Mil $)	20.0	OR, NC, MI
	Cucumbers for Pickles	81	(000 Tons)	13.1	MI, NC, FL
	Trout Sold	4,745	(000 Lbs)	8.0	ID, NC, WA
3	Net Farm Income [1]	$3,210	(Mil $)	9.1	CA, TX, NC
	Poultry & Egg Products Cash Receipts [1]	$2,458	(Mil $)	10.0	AK, GA, NC
4	Bell Peppers	910	(000 Cwt)	5.6	CA, FL, NJ
	Broilers [1]	712	(Mil Hd)	9.8	GA, AK, AL
	Peanuts	210	(Mil Lbs)	6.3	GA, TX, AL
	Greenhouse & Nursery Cash Receipts [1]	$1,021	(Mil $)	7.4	CA, FL, TX
	Strawberries	225	(000 Cwt)	1.1	CA, FL, OR
5	Blueberries [2]	15.5	(Mil Lbs)	14.0	MI, NJ, OR
	Burley Tobacco	9.5	(Mil Lbs)	3.1	KY, TN, VA
	Catfish Sold	5,070	(000 Lbs)	0.7	MS, AL, AR
	Snap Beans	365	(000 Cwt)	6.1	FL, GA, NY
6	Cabbage	1,980	(000 Cwt)	8.1	CA, NY, TX
	Cucumbers, Fresh Market	805	(000 Cwt)	7.1	GA, FL, MI
	Livestock, Dairy & Poultry Cash Receipts [1]	$4,644	(Mil $)	4.4	TX, CA, NE
	Tomatoes	891	(000 Cwt)	2.4	FL, CA, OH
7	Apples	150	(Mil Lbs)	1.8	WA, NY, MI
	All Commodities Cash Receipts [1]	$7,731	(Mil $)	3.8	CA, TX, IA
	Cotton [3]	806	(000 Bales)	4.7	TX, CA, MS
	Watermelons	1,632	(000 Cwt)	4.2	FL, TX, CA
8	Crop Cash Receipts [1]	$3,087	(Mil $)	3.2	CA, FL, IL
	Squash	380	(000 Cwt)	4.4	CA, MI, FL
9	Chickens (12-1-02), (Excludes Broilers)	17.0	(Mil Hd)	3.9	IA, OH, PA
10	Pecans	1.9	(Mil Lbs)	1.1	GA, TX, NM
	Sweet Corn	729	(000 Cwt)	2.8	FL, CA, NY
12	Chicken Eggs	2,518	(Mil Eggs)	2.9	IA, OH, PA
13	Export Shares [1]	$1,389	(Mil $)	2.6	CA, IA, TX
14	Grapes [2]	2,300	(Tons)	<0.1	CA, WA, NY
	Peaches [2]	10	(Mil Lbs)	0.4	CA, SC, GA
15	Irish Potatoes	3,570	(000 Cwt)	0.8	ID, WA, WI
	Number of Farms	56	(000)	2.6	TX, MO, IA
16	Winter Wheat	20.2	(Mil Bu)	1.8	KS, WA, OK
17	Sorghum For Grain	540	(000 Bu)	0.1	KS, TX, AR
	Soybeans	30	(Mil Bu)	1.1	IA, IL, MN
18	Oats	2.0	(Mil Bu)	1.7	MN, WI, IA
19	Barley	1.4	(Mil Bu)	0.6	ND, ID, MT
20	Corn for Grain	58	(Mil Bu)	0.6	IA, IL, MN
30	Milk	1,137	(Mil Lbs)	0.7	CA, WI, NY
32	Cattle on Farms (1-1-03)	920	(000 Hd)	1.0	TX, KS, NE
35	Hay	1,131	(000 Tons)	0.7	TX, CA, MO

[1] Year 2001 references. [2] Utilized production. [3] 480 lbs. bales.

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NC CORN, COTTON, PEANUT AND TOBACCO ACREAGE REDUCED
SOYBEAN PLANTINGS INCREASE

North Carolina experienced above normal precipitation during the 2003 planting season. Agricultural activities were delayed in May and June as statewide soil moisture levels averaged 44% surplus. Soggy field conditions have depleted nutrients, increased pest stress, and delayed small grain harvest. Crop plantings have also been behind normal, with some farmers being forced to switch from planting corn to soybeans. Presently, many farmers are focused on finishing soybean plantings and small grain harvest.

Cotton plantings lagged this year due to extremely wet conditions. Some growers were forced to replant drowned out acreage while others had to switch to soybeans or leave land idle. Cotton acreage for 2003 is estimated at 850,000, down 10% from last year. This will be the lowest acreage since 1998 when 710,000 acres were planted in the State.

Soybean plantings, at 1.43 million acres, increased 5% or 70,000 acres from 2002. Some acreage initially intended for cotton was planted to soybeans as the wet conditions prevented cotton planting. This will be the largest soybean acreage since 1.48 million acres were planted in 1998.

Corn planted acres, at 740,000, are down 6% from the 790,000 planted last year. Acres to be harvested for grain are forecast at 660,000.

Flue-cured tobacco, at 154,000 acres, is down 5% from last year, but is unchanged from March intentions. The acreage decrease approximates the decrease in this year's quota. Fortunately, growers managed to complete their tobacco plantings despite the extremely wet conditions, and the surplus soil moisture should carry them through the growing season.

Burley tobacco growers expect to harvest 6,000 acres, a 5% decrease from a year ago. For the past several years, burley growers have suffered from drought conditions so the adequate soil moisture levels early in the season are welcome.

Peanut farmers in the State planted 90,000 acres, 11% less than last year, but unchanged from March intentions. This will he a record low acreage for peanuts in North Carolina since the inception of the peanut statistical series in 1909.

The expected **wheat** harvest, at 420,000 acres, remains the same as the May forecast, but is 13% below 2002. Late planting dates and an extremely moist growing season continue to impact anticipated yield. Just prior to harvest, wheat conditions were rated as 1% very poor, 10% poor, 44% fair, 43% good, and 2% excellent.

Sweetpotato growers expect to harvest 42,000 acres, 5,000 acres more than in 2002. Planted acreage, at 43,000, is 3,000 acres more than last year.

Hay producers expect to cut 780,000 acres, 30,000 acres more than 2002.

United States harvested acres with a percent change from 2003 are as follows: corn for grain 72.0 million, up 4%; soybeans 72.7 million, up 1%; flue-cured tobacco 239,000, down 3%; peanuts 1.22 million, down 6%, and all wheat 52.7 million, up 15%. All cotton planted acreage totaled 13.9 million, slightly less than a year ago.

2003 CROP ACREAGES

CROPS	PLANTED		HARVESTED		Percent Change
	2002	2003	2002	2003	
	Thousand Acres				+ / -
NORTH CAROLINA					
Barley [1]	31	20	20	15	- 25
Corn	790	740	700	660	- 6
Cotton	940	850	920	[2]	
Hay, All	-	-	750	780	+ 4
Alfalfa	-	-	20	20	0
Other	-	-	730	760	+ 4
Irish Potatoes	21.5	18.0	32.0	17.0	- 47
Oats [1]	75	55	35	25	- 29
Peanuts	101	90	100	90	- 1
Sorghum	17	18	12	13	+ 8
Soybeans for Beans	1,360	1,430	1,280	1,360	+ 6
Sweetpotatoes	40	43	37	42	+ 14
Tobacco:					
Flue-cured	-	-	162.0	154.0	- 5
Type 11	-	-	43.0	40.0	- 7
Type 12	-	-	98.0	94.0	- 4
Type 13	-	-	21.0	20.0	- 5
Burley	-	-	6.3	6.0	- 5
All	-	-	168.3	160.0	- 5
Wheat [1]	650	530	480	420	- 13
UNITED STATES					
Corn	79,054	79,066	69,313	71,985	+ 4
Cotton, All	13,957.9	13,924.0	12,426.6	[2]	
Peanuts	1,358.0	1,256.0	1,296.7	1,222.0	- 6
Soybeans for Beans	73,758	73,653	72,160	72,681	+ 1
Sweetpotatoes	97.2	94.0	83.5	91.0	+ 9
Tobacco:					
Flue-cured	-	-	245.6	239.0	- 3
Burley	-	-	158.6	149.2	- 6
All	-	-	428.7	413.7	- 3
Wheat, All [1]	60,358	60,940	45,817	52,677	+ 15

[1] *Acreage planted in preceding fall.* [2] *Released on August 12, 2003.*

NC EGG PRODUCTION UP
UNITED STATES DOWN

North Carolina laying flocks produced 220 million eggs during May 2003, up 1% from the previous year. Production consisted of 81 million table eggs and 139 million hatching eggs. Table egg production increased 9%, while hatching eggs decreased 3% from a year ago. The average number of layers on hand during May was 11.1 million, down 2% from a year earlier. This number consisted of 3.4 million for table eggs and 7.7 million for broiler-type and egg-type hatching eggs.

U.S. egg production totaled 7.27 billion during May 2003, down slightly from a year ago. Production included 6.15 billion table eggs and 1.13 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.06 billion were broiler-type and 64 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during May 2003 averaged 334 million, down 1% from a year earlier. May egg production per 100 layers was 2,180 eggs, up slightly from May 2002.

All layers in the U.S. on June 1, 2003 totaled 333 million, down 1% from a year ago. The 333 million layers consisted of 273 million layers producing table or commercial type eggs, 57.5 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.68 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Daily rate of lay on June 1, 2003, averaged 69.9 eggs per 100 layers, down 1% from a year ago.

EGG PRODUCTION - MAY

STATE	LAYERS ON HAND		TOTAL EGGS PRODUCED		TABLE EGGS		HATCHING EGGS	
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003
	Thousands		*Million Eggs*					
North Carolina	**11,225**	**11,055**	**217**	**220**	**74**	**81**	**143**	**139**
Alabama	10,207	9,591	193	187	50	48	143	139
Florida	10,580	10,506	230	228	217	219	13	9
Georgia	19,968	20,553	413	428	228	250	185	178
South Carolina	5,268	5,351	115	115	95	95	20	20
UNITED STATES	335,865	333,716	7,297	7,274	6,161	6,147	1,135	1,127

RED MEAT PRODUCTION DOWN

Commercial red meat production in **North Carolina** during May 2003 totaled 168 million pounds dress weight, down 4% from a year earlier. Commercial slaughter of livestock in North Carolina during May 2003 totaled 229 million pounds live weight, down 4% from a year earlier. Cattle slaughter totaled 19 million pounds, up 11%. Calf slaughter, at 53,000 pounds, was down 4% from a year earlier. Hog slaughter, at 210 million pounds, was down 5%. The average live weight per head was: cattle 1,085 pounds; calves 459 pounds; and hogs 254 pounds.

Nationally, commercial red meat production during May 2003 totaled 3.94 billion pounds dress weight, down 2% from a year ago. Commercial red meat production includes slaughter in federally inspected and other plants, but excludes animals slaughtered on farms. **Beef production** in the U.S. totaled 2.36 billion pounds dress weight, up 1% from the previous year and a monthly record high for May. Cattle slaughter totaled 3.25 million head, up 3% from a year earlier. The average live weight decreased 15 pounds to 1,208. **Pork production** totaled 1.55 billion pounds dress weight, down 6% from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 7.81 million head, down 6% from May 2002. The average live weight was unchanged at 267 pounds. **Veal production** totaled 15.8 million pounds dress weight, up 2% from a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 76,300 head, down 2% from a year ago. The average live weight increased 13 pounds to 343. **Lamb and mutton production** totaled 15.2 million pounds dress weight, down 22% from a year ago. Sheep and lamb slaughter totaled 221,900 head, down 22% from the previous year. The average live weight was unchanged at 137 pounds.

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER - MAY

SPECIES	NORTH CAROLINA				UNITED STATES					
	Number Slaughtered [1]		Total Live Weight		Number Slaughtered [1]		Total Live Weight		Total Dressed Weight [2]	
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003
	Thous. Head		*Thous. Pounds*		*Million Head*		*Million Pounds*		*Million Pounds*	
Cattle	16.1	17.8	17,399	19,320	3.1	3.2	3,848	3,923	2,336	2,363
Calves	0.1	0.1	55	53	0.1	0.1	26	26	16	16
Sheep & Lambs	[3]	[3]	[3]	[3]	0.3	0.2	39	30	20	15
Hogs	868.4	825.5	220,007	209,581	8.3	7.8	2,219	2,088	1,646	1,550
TOTAL	884.6	843.4	237,461	228,954	11.8	11.3	6,132	6,067	4,017	3,943

[1] Includes slaughter under Federal inspection and other commercial slaughter, excludes farm slaughter.
[2] Totals may not equal sum due to rounding. [3] Not published to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

HOG INVENTORY DOWN

All hogs and pigs on North Carolina farms on June 1, 2003 totaled 9.6 million head, down 3% from a year ago, but unchanged from March 1, 2003. Market hog inventory at 8.6 million head was unchanged from March, but was down 3% from last June. Breeding stock, at 1.0 million head, was unchanged from both last quarter and June 2002. North Carolina ranks 2nd nationally in the number of hogs and pigs behind Iowa.

The State's pig crop during the March - May 2003 period totaled 4,860,000 head, down 2% from the same months last year. These pigs were produced by 540,000 sows, 2% below last year. Pigs saved per litter averaged 9.0, unchanged from last year's litter size.

North Carolina producers intend to farrow 540,000 sows during June - August 2003 and 540,000 during September - November. If the intentions materialize, farrowings for the six month period will be down 1% from a year ago.

United States inventory of hogs and pigs on June 1, 2003 was estimated at 58.7 million head. This was 3% below June 2002, but 1% above March 1, 2003. Breeding inventory, at 5.94 million head, was down 4% from a year earlier and slightly below the previous quarter. Market hogs totaled 52.8 million head, 2% below last year, but 1% above last quarter.

The December 2002 through May 2003 U.S. pig crop, at 49.4 million head, was down 3% from last year. Pigs saved per litter averaged 8.84 compared with 8.78 last year. Producers intend to have 5.62 million sows farrow during the June - November 2003 period, down 1% from the actual farrowings during the same period in 2002. The total number of hogs under contract, owned by operations with over 5,000 head total inventory, but raised by contractees, accounted for 35% of the total U.S. hog inventory, up from 32% last year.

HOGS AND PIGS - INVENTORY NUMBER By Class and Weight Group, Sows Farrowing and Pig Crop [1]

ITEM	NORTH CAROLINA			UNITED STATES		
	2002	2003	2003 as % of 2002	2002	2003	2003 as % of 2002
	Thousand Head		*Percent*	*Thousand Head*		*Percent*
JUNE 1 INVENTORY						
All Hogs and Pigs	9,900	9,600	97	60,288	58,736	97
Kept for breeding	1,000	1,000	100	6,209	5,940	96
Market	8,900	8,600	97	54,078	52,796	98
Market Hogs and Pigs By Weight Groups:						
Under 60 Lbs.	3,600	3,550	99	20,186	19,617	97
60-119 Lbs.	2,150	2,100	98	13,588	13,113	97
120-179 Lbs.	1,700	1,650	97	10,884	10,697	98
180 Lbs. and Over	1,450	1,300	90	9,420	9,369	99
SOWS FARROWING:						
December [2]-February	540	530	98	2,836	2,767	98
March-May	550	540	98	2,943	2,821	96
December [2]-May	1,090	1,070	98	5,779	5,589	97
June-August	560	540 [3]	96	2,887	2,827 [3]	98
September-November	530	540 [3]	102	2,817	2,794 [3]	99
June-November	1,090	1,080 [3]	99	5,704	5,621 [3]	99
PIG CROP:						
December [2]-February	4,833	4,770	99	24,794	24,374	98
March-May	4,950	4,860	98	25,959	25,053	97
December [2]-May	9,783	9,630	98	50,752	49,427	97
	Number			*Number*		
PIGS PER LITTER:						
December [2]-February	8.95	9.00	101	8.74	8.81	101
March-May	9.00	9.00	100	8.82	8.88	101
December [2]-May	8.98	9.00	100	8.78	8.84	101

[1] May not add due to rounding. [2] December preceding year. [3] Intentions.

CHICKEN EGGS IN INCUBATORS - JUNE 1

GEOGRAPHIC DIVISION	BROILER-TYPE			EGG-TYPE		
	2002	2003	2003 as % of 2002	2002	2003	2003 as % of 2002
	Thousands		*Percent*	*Thousands*		*Percent*
South Atlantic	**245,316**	**240,077**	**98**	**3,840**	**2,910**	**76**
North Atlantic	12,778	12,264	96	5,039	4,761	94
East North Central	7,891	8,440	107	6,692	7,492	112
West North Central	21,973	22,705	103	6,721	7,531	112
South Central	346,084	342,872	99	5,416	5,193	96
West	24,388	25,535	105	4,734	5,818	123
UNITED STATES	658,430	651,893	99	32,442	33,705	104

PEANUT STOCKS DOWN

Peanut stocks in commercial storage on May 31, 2003 in the United States were down 26% from last year and totaled 1.58 billion pounds of equivalent farmer stock, compared to 2.12 billion pounds last year. This total includes 720 million pounds of actual farmer stock.

Shelled peanuts on hand totaled 796 million pounds of farmer stock equivalent. Roasting stock totaled 66.4 million pounds. There were no Commodity Credit Corporation uncommitted stocks on hand as of May 31, 2003.

Shelled peanut stocks totaled 599 million pounds of which 574 million pounds were edible grades and 24.5 million pounds were oil stocks. Edible grade stocks by type were 72.6 million pounds of Virginias, 465 million pounds of Runners, and 36.6 million pounds of Spanish.

GRAIN STOCKS, JUNE 1, 2003, WITH COMPARISONS

YEAR	STOCKS ON FARMS				STOCKS IN OFF-FARM POSITIONS [1]				TOTAL STOCKS ALL POSITIONS			
	March 1	**June 1**	Sept. 1	Dec. 1	March 1	**June 1**	Sept. 1	Dec. 1	March 1	**June 1**	Sept. 1	Dec. 1
						Thousand Bushels						
NORTH CAROLINA												
CORN:												
2001	16,000	7,800	2,150	22,500	20,280	10,939	6,621	23,329	36,280	18,739	8,771	45,829
2002	14,000	7,100	2,600	18,000	20,095	10,716	5,101	19,415	34,095	17,816	7,701	37,415
2003	9,000	**3,200**			11,600	**10,035**			20,600	**13,235**		
SOYBEANS:												
2001	*	*	*	*	11,923	6,598	3,983	15,526	*	*	*	*
2002	*	*	*	*	9,701	5,135	*	6,272	*	*	*	*
2003	*	*			7,250	**4,431**			*	*		
WHEAT:												
2001	600	190	2,000	1,600	7,321	3,231	9,003	5,882	7,921	3,421	11,003	7,482
2002	200	70	1,900	1,100	4,722	1,439	9,085	7,589	4,922	1,509	10,985	8,689
2003	600	**100**			4,618	**1,533**			5,218	**1,633**		

*[1] Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals and processors. [2] Revised. * Data no longer published, figures included in U.S. total.*

Upland Cotton Biotechnology Varieties by State and United States, PercentPlanted, 2002-2003

State	Insect Resistant (BT)		Herbicide Resistant		Stacked Gene		All Biotech Varieti	
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003
North Carolina	**14**	**16**	**27**	**29**	**45**	**48**	**86**	**93**
Arkansas	27	24	37	25	26	46	90	95
California	6	9	26	27	1	3	33	39
Georgia	8	14	55	32	30	47	93	93
Louisiana	27	30	9	15	49	46	85	91
Mississippi	19	15	22	16	47	61	88	92
Texas	7	8	40	39	4	6	51	53
Other States	19	18	35	32	32	38	86	88
United States	13	14	36	32	22	27	71	73

Biotechnology Varieties for United States, Percent Planted Corn and Soybean, 2002-2003

Commodity	Insect Resistant (BT)		Herbicide Resistant		Stacked Gene		All Biotech Varieti	
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003
Corn	22	25	9	11	2	4	34	40
Soybeans			75	81			75	81

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STATE'S PEACH, WHEAT, AND TOBACCO PRODUCTION DOWN

North Carolina has experienced a wet summer. Soggy field conditions slowed planting and harvesting. Some locations have received 14 to 22 inches above normal rainfall fostering a prime environment for pests. Hay, vegetable, and small grain crop quality has been impacted. Many farmers switched acreage intended for corn and cotton to soybeans due to drowned crops and delayed plantings. Presently, 9% of soybean acreage has yet to be double-cropped behind wheat.

NORTH CAROLINA WHEAT PRODUCTION DOWN

Wheat production is estimated at 16 million bushels, down 23% from last year and 10% below June projections. Above average rainfall washed away nutrients and produced a prime environment for pests. Harvest of the anticipated 420,000 acres is behind schedule. An average wheat yield of 37 bushels per acre is expected.

U.S. winter wheat production is forecast at 1.72 billion bushels, up 50% from 2002 and 6% above the June 1 forecast. Yield is forecast at 47 bushels per acre, up 2.4 bushels from June.

CROPS: ACRES, YIELD AND PRODUCTION, JULY 1, 2003 [1]

CROPS	UNIT	NORTH CAROLINA					
		ACRES HARVESTED		YIELD		PRODUCTION	
		2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003
		Thousands				*Thousands*	
Irish Potatoes, All [2]	Cwt.	21.0	17.0	170	165	3,570	2,805
Tobacco:							
Flue-cured	Lb.	162	154	2,089	2,161	338,470	332,800
Type 11	Lb.	43	40	2,225	2,100	95,675	84,000
Type 12	Lb.	98	94	2,020	2,200	197,960	206,800
Type 13	Lb.	21	20	2,135	2,100	44,835	42,000
Wheat	Bu.	480	420	42	37	20,160	15,540
Actual Acres							
Peaches	Lb.	1,200	[3]	8,330	[3]	10,000	9,000
				UNITED STATES			
		Thousands				*Millions*	
Irish Potatoes:							
Spring [2]	Cwt.	86.1	82.9	271	269	23,294	22,305
Small Grain:							
Barley for Grain	Bu.	4,135	4,899	54.9	59.5	226.9	291.5
Oats for Grain	Bu.	2,098	2,286	56.8	64.7	119.1	147.9
Wheat, Winter	Bu.	29,651	36,491	38.5	47.0	1,142.8	1,715.9
Tobacco:							
Flue-cured	Lb.	245.6	239.0	2,105	2,170	517.0	518.7
Peaches	Lb.	153.4	[3]	16,800	[3]	2,575.4	2,623.1

[1] Production forecasts for apples, corn, cotton, peanuts, sorghum, soybeans, burley tobacco, hay, and grapes will be released August 12, 2003. [2] Estimate carried forward from earlier forecast. [3] Released January, 2004.

NC PEACH PRODUCTION DOWN

Peach production for 2003 is forecast at 9 million pounds, down 10% from 2002. Frost damaged early maturing varieties in some orchards, while wet weather contributed to larger late season peaches.

U.S. peach production is forecast at 2.62 billion pounds, up 2% from 2002 and 8% above 2001.

PEACHES, JULY 1 FORECAST

STATE	PRODUCTION [1]		
	2001	2002	Indicated 2003
	Million Pounds		
North Carolina	**3.5**	**10.0**	**9.0**
Alabama	23.0	21.0	11.0
California	1,727.0	1,920.0	1,920.0
Georgia	140.0	100.0	125.0
Illinois	17.8	17.2	18.7
Michigan	42.0	14.0	42.0
New Jersey	75.0	62.0	80.0
Pennsylvania	75.0	60.0	70.0
South Carolina	100.0	160.0	120.0
Washington	55.0	66.0	60.0
Other States	175.0	145.2	167.4
United States	2,433.3	2,575.4	2,623.1

[1] Includes unharvested production and harvested not sold.

NORTH CAROLINA VEGETABLES

CROPS	Area Planted		Area Harvested	
	2002	2003 [1]	2002	2003 [1]
	Acres			
Fresh Market				
Bell Peppers	7,400	7,100	7,000	6,700
Cabbage, All	9,500	9,700	9,000	9,200
Cucumbers	7,500	7,200	7,000	6,900
Snap Beans	8,200	8,100	7,300	7,900
Squash	4,200	3,800	3,800	3,600
Strawberries	1,900	1,800	1,800	1,700
Sweet Corn	8,700	8,800	8,100	8,700
Tomatoes	3,000	2,900	2,700	2,800
Watermelon	10,100	10,000	9,600	9,500
Processing				
Cucumbers	18,500	19,000	18,000	[2]

[1] Preliminary. [2] Released January 2004.

NC FLUE-CURED TOBACCO PRODUCTION DOWN

North Carolina's flue-cured tobacco production is forecast at 333 million pounds, 2% below the 338 million pounds produced in 2002. The decline in production is primarily due to a 5% reduction in acres. Excessive moisture from persistent rains delayed planting and slowed crop development. However, the crop could rebound if growers receive an extended period of hot, dry weather. Harvested area is expected to total 154,000 acres, 8,000 acres below 2002. Yield per acre is forecast at 2,161 pounds, up 72 pounds from last year.

U.S. flue-cured production is forecast at 519 million pounds, up less than a percent from the 2002 crop, but 10% below 2001. Yield per acre is forecast at 2,170 pounds, up 65 pounds from 2002, but 262 pounds below 2001. Forecasted yields for flue-cured tobacco in North Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia increased from last year, while yields are expected to decline in Virginia and Florida.

FLUE-CURED TOBACCO: BY TYPE, JULY 1, 2003

STATE	TYPE	ACRES HARVESTED			YIELD PER ACRE			PRODUCTION		
		2001	2002	Indicated 2003	2001	2002	Indicated 2003	2001	2002	Indicated 2003
		Thousands			*Pounds*			*Thousand Pounds*		
NC	**11**	**42.0**	**43.0**	**40.0**	**2,500**	**2,225**	**2,100**	**105,000**	**95,675**	**84,000**
NC	**12**	**93.0**	**98.0**	**94.0**	**2,400**	**2,020**	**2,200**	**223,200**	**197,960**	**206,800**
NC	**13**	**20.0**	**21.0**	**20.0**	**2,400**	**2,135**	**2,100**	**48,000**	**44,835**	**42,000**
NC	**11-13**	**155.0**	**162.0**	**154.0**	**2,427**	**2,089**	**2,161**	**376,200**	**338,470**	**332,800**
VA	11	20.5	22.0	20.0	2,370	2,340	2,100	48,585	51,480	42,000
SC	13	32.0	30.5	32.0	2,450	1,950	2,100	78,400	59,475	67,200
GA	14	26.1	26.5	29.0	2,460	2,100	2,300	64,206	55,650	66,700
FL	14	4.5	4.6	4.0	2,600	2,600	2,500	11,700	11,960	10,000
US	11-14	238.1	245.6	239.0	2,432	2,105	2,170	579,091	517,035	518,700

NORTH CAROLINA PRICES RECEIVED INDEX

The June 2003 "All Farm Products" index of prices received by North Carolina farmers, at 260% of its 1967 base, was up 5 points from a month earlier. Contributing most to the increase were higher prices for hogs and eggs. The index was 18 points above a year ago.

The June 2003 "All Crops" index, at 272, was down 1 point from the previous month, but was 17 points above a year earlier. The "Livestock and Livestock Products" index for June 2003, at 239, was up 17 points from the previous month and 20 points from the previous year.

The meat animals index for June 2003, at 277, was up 17 points from the previous month and 46 points from a year ago. The poultry index, at 235, was up 24 points from a month earlier and 18 points from the previous year. The dairy index, at 197, was unchanged from a month earlier, but was 12 points below a year ago.

FARM PRICES INDEX NUMBERS

INDEX (1967 = 100)	June 15 2001 [1]	June 15 2002 [1]	May 15 2003 [1]	June 15 2003
NORTH CAROLINA				
Prices Received: All Farm Products	255	242	255	260
All Crops	256	255	273	272
Tobacco	282	283	290	290
Oil Bearing	204	176	236	231
Grains	157	176	225	221
Commercial Vegetables	196	225	225	214
Fruits	342	295	295	295
Livestock and Livestock Products	253	219	222	239
Meat Animals	308	231	260	277
Poultry	217	217	211	235
Dairy	276	209	197	197
UNITED STATES				
Prices Received, All Farm Products	273	248	269	270
Prices Paid, Commodities & Services [2]	[4]	[4]	[4]	[4]
Parity Ratio [3]	[4]	[4]	[4]	[4]

[1] Revised. [2] Including Interest, Taxes and Farm Wage Rates. [3] Ratio of Index of Prices Received by Farmers to Index of Prices Paid. [4] Available quarterly following February 1986 Survey.

FARM INCOME

Cash Receipts from Farming by Commodity, North Carolina, 1999-2002

COMMODITIES	RECEIPTS				2002 % OF TOTAL SALES
	1999	2000	2001	2002	
	Thousand Dollars				Percent [1]
TAL COMMODITIES SOLD:	6,695,420	7,309,566	7,584,975	6,602,994	100.0
ivestock, Dairy & Poultry Products	3,839,586	4,299,879	4,654,445	3,944,013	59.7
rops	2,855,834	3,009,687	2,930,530	2,658,981	40.3
ESTOCK, DAIRY & POULTRY:					
oultry and Eggs [2]	2,212,268	2,171,279	2,458,242	2,113,192	32.0
Broilers	1,430,235	1,417,745	1,681,040	1,367,472	20.7
Turkeys	449,064	433,944	452,360	429,293	6.5
Chicken Eggs	230,674	223,006	232,375	228,718	3.5
Chickens, Farm	5,735	6,024	6,907	7,149	.1
Other Miscellaneous Poultry	96,560	90,560	85,560	80,560	1.2
leat Animals	1,369,431	1,903,273	1,949,217	1,623,115	24.6
Hogs	1,160,274	1,671,606	1,721,496	1,407,110	21.3
Cattle and Calves	208,709	231,667	227,721	216,005	3.3
Sheep and Lambs	[3]	[3]	[3]	[3]	*
lilk Wholesale & Retail	207,081	174,479	194,427	154,698	2.3
liscellaneous Livestock	50,806	50,848	52,559	53,008	.8
Equine	[3]	[3]	[3]	[3]	*
Trout	6,130	5,247	6,475	6,829	.1
Catfish	2,417	2,743	3,151	3,143	*
Honey	671	771	847	971	*
Other Miscellaneous Livestock	41,588	42,087	42,086	42,065	.6
IVIDUAL CROPS:					
obacco	784,251	854,149	685,799	656,535	9.9
ll Crops	257,171	261,748	271,628	217,306	3.3
Soybeans	174,691	169,406	183,222	173,626	2.6
Peanuts	82,480	92,342	88,406	43,680	.7
eed Grains	116,936	139,191	175,723	176,938	2.7
Corn	101,503	116,762	151,607	154,958	2.3
Hay	11,771	17,961	19,438	16,180	.2
Barley	1,837	2,644	2,276	2,770	*
Sorghum Grain	799	980	1,336	1,337	*
Oats	1,026	844	1,066	1,693	*
ood Grains	67,975	66,170	53,424	61,964	.9
Wheat	67,064	65,478	52,849	61,359	.9
Rye	911	692	575	605	*
otton	235,191	232,153	327,309	206,746	3.1
Cotton Lint	223,463	211,770	307,071	194,865	3.0
Cottonseed	11,728	20,383	20,238	11,881	.2
egetables	253,255	304,367	301,266	319,924	4.8
Sweetpotatoes	46,495	60,285	67,412	64,065	1.0
Cucumbers	27,700	36,200	34,911	35,565	.5
Irish Potatoes	20,358	21,255	20,280	31,520	.5
Tomatoes	20,677	20,880	23,296	24,057	.4
Bell Peppers	14,617	17,388	16,154	20,020	.3
Cabbage	10,982	14,580	16,817	17,820	.3
Snap Beans	9,817	14,744	9,848	11,709	.2
Sweet Corn	7,896	12,150	12,743	11,300	.2
Watermelon	6,713	9,600	8,396	10,608	.2
Squash	-	9,200	9,750	10,260	.2
Collard Greens	[4]	8,580	6,318	[4]	*
Turnip Greens	[4]	4,480	3,822	[4]	*
Mustard Greens	[4]	3,045	2,457	[4]	*
Chili Peppers	[4]	1,330	1,800	[4]	*
Lima Beans	[4]	1,750	1,485	[4]	*
Eggplants	[4]	900	777	[4]	*
Other Vegetables	88,000	68,000	65,000	83,000	1.3
ruits and Nuts	67,223	63,130	58,007	72,452	1.1
Blueberries	13,430	18,130	18,900	22,534	.3
Apples	25,734	18,264	16,012	22,067	.3
Strawberries	14,080	17,325	16,660	19,125	.3
Peaches	10,080	4,440	1,400	3,500	.1
Grapes	2,183	2,661	2,532	2,934	*
Pecans	1,180	1,770	1,980	1,760	*
Other Fruits and Nuts	536	540	523	532	*
ll Other Crops	1,073,832	1,088,779	1,057,374	947,116	14.3
Greenhouse/Nursery	974,441	986,177	951,889	840,770	12.7
Christmas Trees and Greenery	92,000	95,000	98,000	99,000	1.5
Miscellaneous Crops [5]	7,391	7,602	7,485	7,346	.1

*ercents may not add to totals due to rounding. [2] Value of production. [3] Included in "Other Miscellaneous Livestock". [4] Vegetables added for 2000, discontinued for 02. [5] Included in "Miscellaneous Crops", other seeds, other field crops. * Less than 0.05 percent.*

PRICES RECEIVED FOR SELECTED COMMODITIES

The average price received for corn by North Carolina farmers in June 2003 was $3.04 per bushel, down 6 cents from the previous month, but 64 cents above a year ago. The June soybean price, at $6.23 per bushel, was down 20 cents from the previous month, but was $1.07 above a year earlier.

Prices received for all hogs in June, at $48.60 per hundredweight, were up $5.00 from May and $11.40 from a year ago. The price for table eggs, at 49 cents per dozen, was up 11 cents from May due to strong demand from fresh and breaker markets. The June egg price was 8.5 cents per dozen above a year earlier.

PRICES RECEIVED

COMMODITY	UNIT	NORTH CAROLINA			UNITED STATES		
		June 2002	May 2003	June 2003	June 2002	May 2003	June 2003
		Entire Month	*Entire Month*	*Mid Month*	*Entire Month*	*Entire Month*	*Mid Month*
				Dollars			
Corn	Bu.	2.40	3.10	3.04	1.97	2.38	2.33
Cotton	Lb.	.333	-	-	.337	.456	.435
Soybeans	Bu.	5.16	6.43	6.23	4.88	6.07	6.00
Hogs, All	Cwt.	37.20	43.60	48.60	35.80	41.30	45.20
Com'l Broilers [1]	Lb.	-	-	-	.320	.340	.360
Turkeys [1 2]	Lb.	-	-	-	.372	.344	.344
Eggs [2 3]	Doz.	.405	.380	.490	.442	.397	.499
Milk, All [1]	Cwt.	-	-	-	11.50	11.10	11.10
Potatoes	Cwt.	-	-	-	9.39	7.15	6.49
Apples, Com'l. [4]	Lb.	-	-	-	.220	.218	.224
Hay, All [2]	Ton	-	-	-	95.80	99.20	94.60

[1] North Carolina monthly estimates discontinued. [2] Mid month. [3] Market (Table) eggs including eggs sold retail by producers. [4] Entire month.

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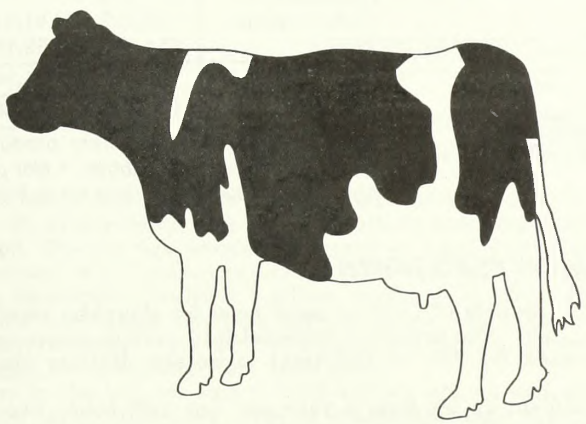
MILK PRODUCTION: APRIL - JUNE

STATE	MILK COWS [1]		MILK PER COW [2]		MILK PRODUCTION [3]		
					Pounds		2003 As % Of 2002
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	
	Thousands		*Pounds*		*Millions*		*Percent*
N. Carolina	**65**	**61**	**4,646**	**4,459**	**302**	**272**	**90**
Florida	151	143	4,245	4,175	641	597	93
Maryland	81	79	4,235	4,190	343	331	97
S. Carolina	20	19	4,950	4,526	99	86	87
Tennessee	90	79	4,000	4,051	360	320	89
Virginia	120	117	4,133	3,940	496	461	93
UNITED STATES	9,149	9,114	4,811	4,813	44,015	43,862	100

[1] Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. [2] Milk per cow is derived. [3] Excludes milk sucked by calves.



CATTLE AND CALVES: Number by Class and Calf Crop, United States, July 1, 2001-2003

CLASS	2001	2002	2003	2003 as % of 2002
	Thousand Head			*Percent*
Cattle and Calves	105,800	105,100	103,900	99
Cows and Heifers That Have Calved:	43,000	42,900	42,700	100
Beef Cows	33,900	33,750	33,600	100
Milk Cows	9,100	9,150	9,100	99
Heifers 500 Pounds and Over	16,400	16,200	15,900	98
For Beef Cow Replacement	4,600	4,600	4,600	100
For Milk Cow Replacement	3,600	3,700	3,600	97
Other Heifers	8,200	7,900	7,700	97
Steers 500 Pounds and Over	14,600	14,500	14,200	98
Bulls 500 Pounds and Over	2,100	2,100	2,100	100
Calves Under 500 Pounds	29,700	29,400	29,000	99
Calf Crop	38,280	38,193	38,000	99
Cattle on Feed	13,000	12,400	11,700	94

MILK PRODUCTION DOWN

Milk production in North Carolina totaled 272 million pounds during the April-June 2003 quarter, down 10% from a year earlier. The number of milk cows on Tar Heel farms was estimated at 61,000 head, down 4,000 from a year ago. The average milk per cow, at 4,459 pounds, was down 187 pounds from the April-June 2002 quarter.

U.S. April-June quarterly production of milk was 44 billion pounds, down slightly from the same quarter a year ago. The average number of milk cows in the U.S. during the April-June quarter was 9.11 million, down 35,000 from the same period last year.

Nationally, milk production in the 20 major states during June 2003 totaled 12.3 billion pounds, down slightly from June of last year. Production per cow averaged 1,587 pounds for June, unchanged from June 2002. The number of milk cows on farms in the 20 major states was 7.77 million head, 10,000 less than June 2002 and 11,000 less than May 2003.

CATTLE INVENTORY DOWN

All cattle and calves in the United States as of July 1, 2003 totaled 104 million head, down 1% from the 105 million the previous year and 2% below two years ago.

All cows and heifers that have calved, at 42.7 million, were slightly below the previous year and 1% below two years ago. **Beef cows**, at 33.6 million, were down slightly from July 1, 2002 and 1% below two years ago. **Milk cows**, at 9.1 million, were down1% from the previous year, but were unchanged from two years ago.

Other class estimates on July 1, 2003, and the changes from July 1, 2002, are as follows:

All heifers 500 pounds and over, 15.9 million, down 2%.

Beef replacement heifers, 4.6 million, unchanged.

Milk replacement heifers, 3.6 million, down 3%.

Other heifers, 7.7 million, down 3%.

Steers weighing 500 pounds and over, 14.2 million, down 2%.

Bulls weighing 500 pounds and over, 2.1 million, unchanged.

Calves under 500 pounds, 29.0 million, down 1%.

All cattle and calves on feed for slaughter, 11.7 million, down 6%

The 2003 calf crop is expected to be 38.0 million, down 1% from 2002 and 2001. Calves born during the first half of the year are estimated at 27.7 million, down 1% from 2002 and 2001.

BROILER HATCH DOWN

North Carolina commercial hatcheries produced 68 million broiler-type chicks during June 2003, down 2% from a year ago.

Nationally, the June 2003 hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 775 million, was down slightly from the previous year. There were 637 million eggs in incubators on July 1, 2003, down 1% from a year earlier. Leading breeders placed 6.7 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during June 2003, down 6% from June 2002.

EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED UP

Nationally, egg-type chicks hatched during June 2003 totaled 36.3 million, up 3% from June 2002. Eggs in incubators totaled 32.3 million on July 1, 2003, up 1% from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 305,000 during June 2003, up 38% from June 2002.

CHICKS HATCHED - JUNE

STATE	EGG-TYPE		
	2002	2003	2003 as % of 2002
	Thousands		*Percent*
Arkansas	663	829	125
Florida	534	797	149
Georgia	2,130	2,376	112
Indiana	4,635	5,023	108
Iowa	5,094	6,311	124
Minnesota	1,708	1,130	66
Pennsylvania	4,884	4,249	87
Other States [1]	15,488	15,629	101
UNITED STATES	35,136	36,344	103

[1] Not published separately to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

CHICKS HATCHED - JUNE

STATE	BROILER-TYPE		
	2002	2003	2003 as % of 2002
	Thousands		*Percent*
North Carolina	**69,044**	**67,881**	**98**
Alabama	105,143	104,576	99
Arkansas	110,108	109,937	100
Delaware	12,766	13,231	104
Florida	8,416	4,808	57
Georgia	114,422	116,903	102
Kentucky	24,155	24,314	101
Louisiana	13,599	14,022	103
Maryland	35,156	34,221	97
Mississippi	69,232	71,296	103
Oklahoma	23,723	23,026	97
Pennsylvania	13,394	13,052	97
South Carolina	16,322	16,681	102
Texas	55,577	53,770	97
Virginia	23,246	23,724	102
California, Missouri, Tennessee & West Virginia	60,427	61,318	101
19 States [1]	754,730	752,760	100
Other States [2]	21,602	21,920	101
UNITED STATES	776,332	774,680	100

[1] States in the weekly hatchery production estimating program are those listed above. [2] Not published separately to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

CATTLE ON FEED DOWN

Nationally, cattle and calves on feed July 1, 2003 in feedlots of 1,000 or more head for slaughter totaled 9.92 million head, down 5% from a year ago and 10% below July 1, 2001. The inventory included 6.11 million steers and steer calves, down 5% from the previous year. This group accounted for 62% of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 3.75 million head, down 5% from 2002.

Placements in feedlots during June totaled 1.68 million, up 2% from a year ago, but 14% below two years ago. Net placements were 1.62 million. During June, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 374,000; 600-699 pounds were 361,000; 700-799 pounds were 483,000; and 800 pounds and over were 464,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during June 2003 totaled 2.23 million, up 8% from a year ago and 5% above two years ago. Other disappearance totaled 61,000 head during June, up 20% from the previous year, but 21% below two years ago.

CATTLE ON FEED: NUMBER ON FEED, 1,000 + Capacity Feedlots [1]

STATE	JULY 1, 2002	JUNE 1, 2003	JULY 1, 2003	
			NUMBER	2003 as % of 2002
	1,000 Head			*Percent*
Arizona	291	266	266	91
California	485	485	490	101
Colorado	1,030	990	890	86
Idaho	300	260	255	85
Iowa	350	340	310	89
Kansas	2,160	2,270	2,160	100
Nebraska	1,890	1,930	1,690	89
New Mexico	101	110	115	114
Oklahoma	325	360	350	108
S Dakota	175	198	167	95
Texas	2,850	2,880	2,820	99
Washington	180	160	160	89
Other States	350	285	250	71
UNITED STATES	10,487	10,534	9,923	95

[1] Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

TURKEY EGGS DOWN; POULTS UP

Nationally, turkey eggs in incubators on July 1, 2003, totaled 32 million, down 1% from a year earlier. Eggs in incubators were down 3% from the June 2003 total of 33 million. The 25.4 million poults placed during June 2003 in the United States were up 4% from the placements during the same month a year ago. Placements were up 1% from the May 2003 total of 25.1 million. Regional placement percent changes from the previous year were: N & S Atlantic, up 27%; E N Central, down 8%; W N Central, up 2%; S Central, down 19%; and West, down 2%.

TURKEY HATCHERY - JULY 1

GEOGRAPHIC DIVISION	Eggs in Incubators July 1			Poults Placed During June [1]		
	2002	2003	2003 as % of 2002	2002	2003	2003 as % of 2002
	Thousands		*Percent*	*Thousands*		*Percent*
North & South Atlantic	**9,120**	**9,655**	**106**	**6,362**	**8,084**	**127**
East North Central	5,034	4,687	93	3,793	3,486	92
West North Central	11,886	11,726	99	8,834	8,994	102
South Central	2,881	2,461	85	2,563	2,070	81
West	3,524	3,474	99	2,857	2,814	98
UNITED STATES	32,445	32,003	99	24,409	25,448	104

[1] *Regional placements refer to poults placed from hatcheries located in that region, and not the actual location of the birds after placement.*

CHICKEN EGGS IN INCUBATORS - JULY 1

GEOGRAPHIC DIVISION	BROILER-TYPE			EGG-TYPE		
	2002	2003	2003 as % of 2002	2002	2003	2003 as % of 2002
	Thousands		*Percent*	*Thousands*		*Percent*
South Atlantic	**237,959**	**234,009**	**98**	**4,852**	**2,735**	**56**
North Atlantic	12,437	11,793	95	4,447	4,938	111
East North Central	7,917	8,384	106	7,276	6,840	94
West North Central	20,927	21,761	104	5,889	7,506	127
South Central	336,183	335,500	100	5,068	5,101	101
West	26,240	25,186	96	4,511	5,175	115
UNITED STATES	641,663	636,633	99	32,043	32,295	101

N. C. EGG PRODUCTION UP UNITED STATES DOWN

North Carolina laying flocks produced 212 million eggs during June 2003, up 2% from a year earlier. Production consisted of 80 million table eggs and 132 million hatching eggs. Table eggs were up 11%, while hatching eggs decreased 2% from 2002. The average number of layers on hand during June was 10.9 million, down 2% from a year earlier. This number consisted of 3.4 million layers for table eggs and 7.5 million for broiler-type and egg-type hatching eggs.

U.S. egg production totaled 7.1 billion during June 2003, down 1% from a year ago. Production included 5.98 billion table eggs and 1.08 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.02 billion were broiler-type and 60 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during June 2003 averaged 332 million, down 1% from a year ago. June egg production per 100 layers was 2,122 eggs, down slightly from June 2002.

All layers in the U.S. on July 1, 2003 totaled 332 million, down 1% from a year ago. The 332 million layers consisted of 272 million layers producing table or commercial type eggs, 56.5 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.60 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Daily rate of lay on July 1, 2003 averaged 71.4 eggs per 100 layers, up 1% from a year ago.

EGG PRODUCTION - JUNE

STATE	LAYERS ON HAND		TOTAL EGGS PRODUCED		TABLE EGGS		HATCHING EGGS	
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003
	Thousands		*Million Eggs*					
North Carolina	**11,062**	**10,869**	**207**	**212**	**72**	**80**	**135**	**132**
Alabama	10,178	9,620	185	179	45	45	140	134
Florida	10,442	10,755	221	227	209	217	12	10
Georgia	19,973	20,554	393	407	214	235	179	172
South Carolina	5,180	5,314	111	109	92	89	19	20
UNITED STATES	335,412	332,417	7,126	7,053	6,037	5,978	1,089	1,075

PEANUT STOCKS DOWN

Peanut stocks in commercial storage on June 30, 2003 in the United States were down 35% from last year and totaled 1.17 billion pounds of equivalent farmer stock, compared to 1.81 billion pounds last year. This total includes 315 million pounds of actual farmer stock.

Shelled peanuts on hand totaled 794 million pounds of farmer stock equivalent. Roasting stock totaled 62.3 million pounds. There were no Commodity Credit Corporation uncommitted stocks on hand as of June 30, 2003.

Shelled peanut stocks totaled 597 million pounds of which 580 million pounds were edible grades and 17.5 million pounds were oil stocks. Edible grade stocks by type were 68.8 million pounds of Virginias, 479 million pounds of Runners, and 32.0 million pounds of Spanish.

RED MEAT PRODUCTION UP

Commercial red meat production in **North Carolina** during June 2003 totaled 168 million pounds dress weight, up 11% from a year earlier. Commercial slaughter of livestock in North Carolina during June 2003 totaled 228 million pounds live weight, up 10% from a year earlier. Cattle slaughter totaled 18 million pounds, up 2%. Calf slaughter, at 56,000 pounds, was up 12% from a year earlier. Hog slaughter, at 210 million pounds, was up 11% from a year earlier. The average live weight per head was: cattle 1,067 pounds; calves 448 pounds; and hogs 252 pounds.

Nationally, commercial red meat production during June 2003 totaled 3.95 billion pounds dress weight, a new record high for the month, up 4% from the 3.81 billion pounds produced in June 2002. Commercial red meat production includes slaughter in federally inspected and other plants, but excludes animals slaughtered on farms. **Beef production** in the U. S. totaled 2.39 billion pounds dress weight, up 4% from the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 3.25 million head, up 6% from a year earlier. The average live weight decreased 19 pounds to 1,217. **Pork production** totaled 1.53 billion pounds dress weight, up 3% from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 7.75 million head, 3% above June 2002. The average live weight increased 1 pound to 266. **Veal production** totaled 15.0 million pounds dress weight, up 2% from a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 74,000 head, down 3% from a year ago. The average live weight increased 17 pounds to 336. **Lamb and mutton production** totaled 15.2 million pounds dress weight, up slightly from a year ago. Sheep slaughter totaled 229,000 head, down 1% from the previous year. The average live weight increased 1 pound to 132.

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER - JUNE

SPECIES	NORTH CAROLINA				UNITED STATES					
	Number Slaughtered [1]		Total Live Weight		Number Slaughtered [1]		Total Live Weight		Total Dressed Weight [2]	
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003
	Thous. Head		*Thous. Pounds*		*Million Head*		*Million Pounds*		*Million Pounds*	
Cattle	16.1	16.5	17,231	17,585	3.1	3.2	3,784	3,955	2,302	2,391
Calves	0.1	0.1	50	56	0.1	0.1	24	25	15	15
Sheep & Lambs	[3]	[3]	[3]	[3]	0.2	0.2	30	30	15	15
Hogs	755.5	834.0	189,383	209,983	7.5	7.7	1,996	2,059	1,479	1,527
TOTAL	771.7	850.6	206,664	227,624	10.9	11.2	5,834	6,069	3,811	3,948

[1] Includes slaughter under Federal inspection and other commercial slaughter, excludes farm slaughter.
[2] Totals may not equal sum due to rounding. [3] Not published to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

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BOUNTIFUL RAINS IMPACT CROP YIELDS

Frequent rains have kept North Carolina soil moisture levels at mostly adequate to surplus levels. Excessive moisture has fostered ideal conditions for pests and disease and have kept phenological development behind five year averages in corn, peanuts, and soybeans, but accelerated development in tobacco and cotton. Most crop conditions are rated as fair to good with the exception of apples, which are rated very poor to fair.

FLUE-CURED TOBACCO PRODUCTION DOWN

The State's flue-cured tobacco production is forecast at 309 million pounds, 9% below the 338 million pounds produced in 2002. Yields across the State decreased due to persistent rainfall that spawned disease outbreaks, reducing production potential. Harvested acres are estimated at 154,000, unchanged from July, but 5% below 2002. Yield per acre, at 2,006 pounds, is down 155 pounds from the July forecast and is 83 pounds below 2002.

U.S. flue-cured production is expected to total 486 million pounds, down 6% from the previous month's forecast and last year. Yield per acre, at 2,034 pounds, is down 136 pounds from the July forecast and 71 pounds below the previous year. Flue-cured growers plan to harvest 239,000 acres, down 3% from last year.

FLUE-CURED TOBACCO: BY TYPE, AUGUST 1, 2003

STATE	TYPE	ACRES HARVESTED			YIELD PER ACRE			PRODUCTION		
		2001	2002	Indicated 2003	2001	2002	Indicated 2003	2001	2002	Indicated 2003
		Thousands			*Pounds*			*Thousand Pounds*		
NC	**11**	**42.0**	**43.0**	**40.0**	**2,500**	**2,225**	**2,000**	**105,000**	**95,675**	**80,000**
NC	**12**	**93.0**	**98.0**	**94.0**	**2,400**	**2,020**	**2,000**	**223,200**	**197,960**	**188,000**
NC	**13**	**20.0**	**21.0**	**20.0**	**2,400**	**2,135**	**2,050**	**48,000**	**44,835**	**41,000**
NC	**11-13**	**155.0**	**162.0**	**154.0**	**2,427**	**2,089**	**2,006**	**376,200**	**338,470**	**309,000**
VA	11	20.5	22.0	20.0	2,370	2,340	1,800	48,585	51,480	36,000
SC	13	32.0	30.5	32.0	2,450	1,950	2,100	78,400	59,475	67,200
GA	14	26.1	26.5	29.0	2,460	2,100	2,200	64,206	55,650	63,800
FL	14	4.5	4.6	4.0	2,600	2,600	2,550	11,700	11,960	10,200
US	11-14	238.1	245.6	239.0	2,432	2,105	2,034	579,091	517,035	486,200

N.C. COTTON PRODUCTION INCREASES

Cotton production for the State is forecast at 1.1 million bales, 30% more than last year's drought-reduced crop. Even though the excessive moisture throughout this growing season has brought its' own set of problems for the cotton crop, the rain is preferred to the extreme drought experienced last year. This is reflected in the expected yield of 630 pounds per acre for the 2003 crop, 209 pounds more than last year, but 202 pounds below the record yield of 832 pounds in 2001. The State's cotton farmers expect to harvest 800,000 acres, down 120,000 from last year. This will be the lowest acreage in the State since 1998. Some acreage was drowned out after planting or was unable to be planted due to the extremely wet conditions.

U.S. cotton production is forecast at 17.1 million bales, down 1% from last year's 17.2 million bales. Yield is expected to average 667 pounds per harvested acre, up 2 pounds from 2002. Producers expect to harvest 12.3 million acres of cotton, 1% below last year.

BURLEY TOBACCO PRODUCTION DOWN

North Carolina burley tobacco production is forecast at 8.4 million pounds, 11% below 2002. Area for harvest is forecast at 6,000 acres, 300 acres less than the area harvested in 2002. Yield is forecast at 1,400 pounds per acre, 100 pounds less than last year's crop.

U.S. burley production is expected to total 291 million pounds, 3% below the 2002 production. Yield is forecast at 1,949 pounds per acre, up 57 pounds from 2002. Burley tobacco growers expect to harvest 149,200 acres, 6% below a year ago.

N.C. CORN YIELDS REBOUND, RECORD U.S. CROP PREDICTED

North Carolina's corn crop has solidly rebounded from last year's drought with a forecasted yield of 110 bushels per acre for 2003, 27 bushels more than 2002, but 15 bushels below 2001. Production is forecast at 70.4 million bushels, 21% above a year ago. Harvested acres are estimated at 640,000, down 60,000 acres from last year.

U.S. corn production is forecast at 10.1 billion bushels, up 12% from last year and 6% above 2001. Based on conditions as of August 1, yields are expected to average 139.9 bushels per acre, up 9.9 bushels from last year. If realized, both production and yield would be the largest on record. The previous record for both was set in 1994 when production was estimated at slightly below the 10.1 billion bushels being forecast for 2003 and yield was 138.6 bushels per acre.

SOYBEAN PRODUCTION HIGHER

Soybean production for North Carolina is forecast at 38.1 million bushels, up 27% from last year. The average yield is forecast at 28 bushels per acre, compared with 23.5 in 2002 and 32.0 in 2001. Harvested acres, at 1.36 million, are up 80,000 from last year.

U.S. soybean production is forecast at 2.86 billion bushels, up 5% from 2002, but down 1% from 2001. Based on August 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 39.4 bushels per acre, up 1.6 bushels from 2002. Area for harvest, at 72.6 million acres is down 55,000 acres from June, but up 1% from 2002 acreage.

STATE'S WHEAT PRODUCTION LOWER, U.S. HIGHER

Winter wheat production for the State is estimated at 15 million bushels, down 25% from last year. Area harvested, at 420,000 acres, is down 60,000 acres from a year ago. Yield, at 36 bushels per acre, is down one bushel from July's forecast and 6 bushels from 2002.

The U.S. yield for winter wheat is estimated at 46.9 bushels per acre, 0.1 bushel below the July estimate, but 8.4 bushels above 2002. Production totaled 1.71 billion bushels, 50% above last year. All wheat production is placed at 2.29 billion bushels, down 1% from the July forecast, but up 42% from 2002. Based on August 1 conditions, the yield is forecast at 43.5 bushels per acre, down 0.4 bushels from last month.

NORTH CAROLINA CROPS: ACRES, YIELD AND PRODUCTION, AUGUST 1, 2003

CROPS	UNIT	NORTH CAROLINA					
		ACRES HARVESTED		YIELD		PRODUCTION	
		2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003
		Thousands				*Thousands*	
Corn, grain	Bu.	700	640	83	110	58,100	70,400
Cotton, Upland [1]	Lb.	920	800	421	630	806	1,050
Hay, Other	Ton	730	760	1.5	2.8	1,095	2,128
Irish Potatoes [2]	Cwt.	21	17	170	165	3,570	2,805
Peanuts	Lb.	100	100	2,100	2,900	210,000	290,000
Soybeans	Bu.	1,280	1,360	23.5	28.0	30,080	38,080
Tobacco:							
Flue-cured	Lb.	162	154	2,089	2,006	338,470	309,000
Type 11	Lb.	43	40	2,225	2,000	95,675	80,000
Type 12	Lb.	98	94	2,020	2,000	197,960	188,000
Type 13	Lb.	21	20	2,135	2,050	44,835	41,000
Burley	Lb.	6.3	6.0	1,500	1,400	9,450	8,400
All	Lb.	168.3	160.0	2,067	1,984	347,920	317,400
Wheat, Winter	Bu.	480	420	42	36	20,160	15,120
	Actual Acres						
FRUIT:							
Apples [3]	Lb.	7,000	[4]	22,900	[4]	160,000	140,000
Grapes [3]	Ton	850	[4]	2.7	[4]	2.3	2.8
Peaches [2 3]	Lb.	1,200	[4]	8,330	[4]	10,000	9,000
UNITED STATES							
		Thousands				*Millions*	
Corn, grain	Bu.	69,313	71,915	130.0	139.9	9,007.7	10,064.5
Cotton, All [1]	Lb.	12,427	12,302	665	667	17.2	17.1
Hay: Alfalfa [5]	Ton	23,135	23,541	3.19	3.31	73.8	78.0
Other	Ton	41,362	40,838	1.86	2.01	77.1	82.1
All	Ton	64,497	64,379	2.34	2.48	150.9	160.1
Peanuts	Lb.	1,297	1,277	2,561	3,102	3,320.5	3,961.2
Small Grain:							
Barley for Grain	Bu.	4,135	4,899	54.9	57.5	226.9	281.5
Oats for Grain	Bu.	2,098	2,331	56.8	64.9	119.1	151.3
Wheat, Winter	Bu.	29,651	36,491	38.5	46.9	1,142.8	1,712.2
Sorghum, grain	Bu.	7,299	8,241	50.7	54.4	369.8	448.4
Soybeans	Bu.	72,160	72,626	37.8	39.4	2,729.7	2,862.0
Tobacco:							
Flue-cured	Lb.	245.6	239.0	2,105	2,034	517.0	486.2
Burley	Lb.	158.6	149.2	1,892	1,949	300.1	290.8
All	Lb.	428.7	413.7	2,055	2,031	880.7	840.2
FRUIT:							
Apples [3]	Lb.	401.0	[4]	21,300	[4]	8,555.6	9,266.6
Grapes [3]	Ton	948.7	[4]	7.76	[4]	7.4	7.1
Peaches [3]	Lb.	152.4	[4]	16,900	[4]	2,575.4	2,618.1

[1] Production in 480-lb bales. [2] Estimate carried forward from earlier forecast. [3] Total production. [4] Released January, 2004. [5] Includes alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures.

GRAPE PRODUCTION INCREASES IN NORTH CAROLINA

Grape production in North Carolina is expected to total 2,800 tons, up 22% from the 2002 production of 2,300 tons. Production increased due to new acres bearing for the first time and by avoiding the severe freeze that occurred in 2002.

U.S. production of grapes is forecast at 7.06 million tons, 4% below the 7.36 million tons harvested in 2002.

NORTH CAROLINA PRICES RECEIVED INDEX

The July 2003 "All Farm Products" index of prices received by North Carolina farmers, at 259% of its 1967 base, was down 1 point from a month earlier. Contributing most to the decrease were lower prices for corn and hogs. The index was 12 points above a year ago.

The July 2003 "All Crops" index, at 272, was unchanged from the previous month, but was 8 points above a year earlier. The "Livestock and Livestock Products" index for July 2003, at 238, was unchanged from the previous month, but was up 21 points from the previous year.

The meat animals index for July 2003, at 263, was down 6 points from the previous month, but was up 23 points from a year ago. The poultry index, at 239, was up 4 points from a month earlier and 32 points from the previous year. The dairy index, at 198, was unchanged from a month earlier, but was 11 points below a year ago.

PRICES RECEIVED FOR SELECTED COMMODITIES

The average price received for corn by North Carolina farmers in July 2003 was $2.96 per bushel, down 11 cents from the previous month, but 28 cents above a year ago. The July soybean price, at $6.23 per bushel, was up 2 cents from the previous month and was 44 cents above a year earlier.

Prices received for all hogs in July, at $43.70 per hundredweight, were down $3.80 from June, but $3.60 above a year ago. The price for table eggs, at 52 cents per dozen, was up 3 cents from June due to strong demand from fresh and breaker markets. The July egg price was 18 cents per dozen above a year earlier.

N.C. APPLE PRODUCTION DOWN, U.S. UP

Apple production for North Carolina is forecast at 140 million pounds, 13% below last year's production. Widespread hail hit the majority of the apple orchards in Henderson County with some growers experiencing a total loss while others had partial damage.

The Nation's first forecast of the 2003 apple crop is 9.27 billion pounds, up 8% from last year, but 2% below 2001. Increased production in the Eastern and Central States more than offset a projected decrease in the Western States.

PEANUT YIELDS UP

The State's yield per acre for peanuts is forecast at 2,900 pounds, up 800 pounds from last year and near the 2001 yield. Production, at 290 million pounds, is up 38% from the 2002 drought reduced crop. Continuing rain early in the 2003 season has benefitted the crop, but drier conditions will be necessary for the crop to reach its' full potential. Harvested area is projected at 100,000 acres, an 11% increase from June, but unchanged from 2002. The increase from June reflects an acreage shift from the northeast to the southern part of the state where peanuts supplanted corn and cotton that could not be planted due to wet conditions.

U.S. peanut production for 2003 is forecast at 3.96 billion pounds, up 19% from last year's crop, but 7% below 2001. Harvested area is expected to total 1.28 million acres, 5% above the June Acreage report, but down 2% from 2002. Yields are expected to average a record high 3,102 pounds per acre, 544 pounds above last year.

FARM PRICES INDEX NUMBERS

INDEX (1967 = 100)	July 15 2001 [1]	July 15 2002 [1]	June 15 2003 [1]	July 15 2003
NORTH CAROLINA				
Prices Received: All Farm Products	258	247	260	259
All Crops	262	264	272	272
Tobacco	286	289	290	290
Oil Bearing	214	190	231	231
Grains	168	195	223	215
Commercial Vegetables	196	224	212	212
Fruits	342	312	312	312
Livestock and Livestock Products	252	217	238	238
Meat Animals	301	240	269	263
Poultry	218	207	235	239
Dairy	284	209	198	198
UNITED STATES				
Prices Received, All Farm Products	274	250	273	264
Prices Paid, Commodities & Services [2]	483	482	[4]	499
Parity Ratio [3]	57	52	[4]	53

[1] Revised. [2] Including Interest, Taxes and Farm Wage Rates. [3] Ratio of Index of Prices Received by Farmers to Index of Prices Paid. [4] Available quarterly following February 1986 Survey.

PRICES RECEIVED

COMMODITY	UNIT	NORTH CAROLINA			UNITED STATES		
		July 2002	June 2003	July 2003	July 2002	June 2003	July 2003
		Entire Month	*Entire Month*	*Mid Month*	*Entire Month*	*Entire Month*	*Mid Month*
				Dollars			
Corn	Bu.	2.68	3.07	2.96	2.13	2.34	2.09
Cotton	Lb.	.439	-	-	.353	.453	.469
Soybeans	Bu.	5.79	6.21	6.23	5.35	6.09	5.84
Hogs, All	Cwt.	40.10	47.50	43.70	39.20	45.00	42.00
Com'l Broilers [1]	Lb.	-	-	-	.300	.360	.360
Turkeys, Live [1 2]	Lb.	-	-	-	.386	.344	.331
Eggs [2 3]	Doz.	.340	.490	.520	.380	.499	.524
Milk, All [1]	Cwt.	-	-	-	11.10	11.10	11.80
Potatoes	Cwt.	-	-	-	10.40	6.47	6.30
Apples, Com'l. [4]	Lb.	-	-	-	.206	.224	.200
Hay, All, Baled [2]	Ton	-	-	-	93.60	94.60	89.00

[1] North Carolina monthly estimates discontinued. [2] Mid month. [3] Market (Table) eggs including eggs sold retail by producers. [4] Entire month.

NORTH CAROLINA'S RANK IN U.S. AGRICULTURE, 2002

US	Item	Production		N.C. Percent of U.S. Production	Top Three States
1	**Total Tobacco**	**348**	**(Mil Lbs)**	**39.5**	**NC, KY, TN**
	Flue-Cured Tobacco	**338**	**(Mil Lbs)**	**65.5**	**NC, SC, GA**
	Sweetpotatoes	**4,810**	**(000 Cwt.)**	**37.4**	**NC, CA, MS**
	Turkeys Raised	**45.5**	**(Mil Hd)**	**16.7**	**NC, MN, AR**
2	Hogs & Pigs (12-1-02)	9.7	(Mil Hd)	16.4	IA, NC, MN
	Christmas Trees Cash Receipts [1]	$98	(Mil $)	20.0	OR, NC, MI
	Cucumbers for Pickles	81	(000 Tons)	13.1	MI, NC, FL
	Trout Sold	4,745	(000 Lbs)	8.0	ID, NC, WA
3	Net Farm Income [1]	$3,210	(Mil $)	9.1	CA, TX, NC
	Poultry & Egg Products Cash Receipts [1]	$2,458	(Mil $)	10.0	AK, GA, NC
4	Bell Peppers	910	(000 Cwt)	5.6	CA, FL, NJ
	Peanuts	210	(Mil Lbs)	6.3	GA, TX, AL
	Greenhouse & Nursery Cash Receipts [1]	$1,021	(Mil $)	7.4	CA, FL, TX
	Strawberries	225	(000 Cwt)	1.1	CA, FL, OR
5	Blueberries [2]	15.5	(Mil Lbs)	8.2	MI, NJ, OR
	Broilers	735	(Mil Hd)	8.8	GA, AK, AL
	Burley Tobacco	9.5	(Mil Lbs)	3.1	KY, TN, VA
	Catfish Sold	4,900	(000 Lbs)	0.7	MS, AL, AR
	Snap Beans	365	(000 Cwt)	6.1	FL, GA, NY
6	Cabbage	1,980	(000 Cwt)	8.1	CA, NY, TX
	Cucumbers, Fresh Market	805	(000 Cwt)	7.1	GA, FL, MI
	Livestock, Dairy & Poultry Cash Receipts [1]	$4,644	(Mil $)	4.4	TX, CA, NE
	Tomatoes	891	(000 Cwt)	2.4	FL, CA, OH
7	All Commodities Cash Receipts [1]	$7,731	(Mil $)	3.8	CA, TX, IA
	Cotton [3]	806	(000 Bales)	4.7	TX, CA, MS
	Watermelons	1,632	(000 Cwt)	4.2	FL, TX, CA
8	Apples [2]	155	(Mil Lbs)	1.8	WA, NY, MI
	Crop Cash Receipts [1]	$3,087	(Mil $)	3.2	CA, IL, IA
	Squash	380	(000 Cwt)	4.4	CA, MI, FL
9	Chickens (12-1-02), (Excludes Broilers)	17.0	(Mil Hd)	3.9	IA, OH, PA
10	Sweet Corn	729	(000 Cwt)	2.8	FL, CA, NY
11	Pecans	1.7	(Mil Lbs)	1.0	NM, GA, TX
12	Chicken Eggs	2,518	(Mil Eggs)	2.9	IA, OH, PA
13	Export Shares	$1,389	(Mil $)	2.6	CA, IA, TX
14	Grapes [2]	2,300	(Tons)	<0.1	CA, WA, NY
	Peaches [2]	10	(Mil Lbs)	0.4	CA, SC, GA
15	Irish Potatoes	3,570	(000 Cwt)	0.8	ID, WA, WI
	Number of Farms	56	(000)	2.6	TX, MO, IA
16	Winter Wheat	20.2	(Mil Bu)	1.8	KS, WA, OK
17	Sorghum For Grain	540	(000 Bu)	0.1	KS, TX, AR
	Soybeans	30	(Mil Bu)	1.1	IA, IL, MN
18	Oats	2.0	(Mil Bu)	1.7	MN, WI, IA
19	Barley	1.4	(Mil Bu)	0.6	ND, ID, MT
20	Corn for Grain	58	(Mil Bu)	0.6	IA, IL, MN
30	Milk	1,137	(Mil Lbs)	0.7	CA, WI, NY
32	Cattle on Farms (1-1-03)	920	(000 Hd)	1.0	TX, KS, NE
35	Hay	1,131	(000 Tons)	0.7	TX, CA, MO

[1] 2001 Cash receipts. [2] Utilized production. [3] 480 lbs. bales.

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TURKEYS RAISED DOWN

North Carolina, at 45.0 million birds, is expected to rank second nationally in 2003 for the number of turkeys raised. This is a decrease of 1% from a year ago. Minnesota leads all states with 45.5 million birds, up 3% from 2002. Missouri is in third place with 27.5 million birds, 8% more than a year ago. Arkansas growers expect to produce 24.0 million birds in 2003, down 19% from the previous year. Virginia, at 23.0 million birds, is up 15% from 2002. California expects to raise 16.5 million turkeys, 7% below a year earlier. These six States are expected to account for about two-thirds of the turkeys produced in the United States during 2003.

The preliminary estimate of turkeys raised in the United States during 2003, at 269 million, is down 1% from the number raised during 2002.

TURKEYS: NUMBER RAISED [1]

STATE	2002	2003	2003 as % of 2002
	Thousands		*Percent*
North Carolina	**45,500**	**45,000**	**99**
Arkansas	29,500	24,000	81
California	17,700	16,500	93
Minnesota	44,000	45,500	103
Missouri	25,500	27,500	108
Virginia	20,000	23,000	115
UNITED STATES	272,429	269,200	99

[1] *2002 Revised.*

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N. C. EGG PRODUCTION UP; UNITED STATES DOWN

North Carolina laying flocks produced 216 million eggs during July 2003, up 2% from a year earlier. Production consisted of 85 million table eggs and 131 million hatching eggs. Table eggs increased 10% while hatching eggs were down 3% from a year ago. The average number of layers on hand during July was 10.7 million, down 3% from a year earlier. This number consisted of 3.5 million layers for table eggs and 7.2 million for broiler-type and egg-type hatching eggs.

U.S. egg production totaled 7.34 billion during July 2003, down slightly from the previous year. Production included 6.26 billion table eggs and 1.09 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.02 billion were broiler-type and 61 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during July 2003 averaged 332 million, down 1% from a year earlier. July egg production per 100 layers was 2,414 eggs, up 1% from July 2002.

All layers in the U.S. on August 1, 2003 totaled 332 million, down 1% from a year ago. The 332 million layers consisted of 274 million layers producing table or commercial type eggs, 55.6 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.59 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Daily rate of lay on August 1, 2003 averaged 71.2 eggs per 100 layers, up 1% from a year ago.

EGG PRODUCTION - JULY

STATE	LAYERS ON HAND		TOTAL EGGS PRODUCED		TABLE EGGS		HATCHING EGGS	
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003
	Thousands		*Million Eggs*					
North Carolina	**11,029**	**10,663**	**212**	**216**	**77**	**85**	**135**	**131**
Alabama	9,972	9,749	187	183	45	46	142	137
Florida	10,312	10,813	220	240	208	229	12	11
Georgia	20,124	20,337	397	420	216	246	181	174
South Carolina	5,298	5,254	115	117	96	98	19	19
UNITED STATES	335,498	331,702	7,347	7,343	6,243	6,257	1,104	1,085

EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED UP

Nationally, egg-type chicks hatched during July 2003 totaled 35.6 million, up slightly from July 2002. Eggs in incubators totaled 30.7 million on August 1, 2003, down 6% from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 226,000 during July 2003, down 20% from July 2002.

CHICKS HATCHED - JULY

STATE	EGG-TYPE		
	2002	2003	2003 as % of 2002
	Thousands		*Percent*
Arkansas	834	824	99
Florida	536	812	151
Georgia	2,194	2,407	110
Indiana	5,149	4,932	96
Iowa	5,235	6,297	120
Minnesota	1,416	1,100	78
Pennsylvania	3,815	4,685	123
Other States [1]	16,394	14,536	89
UNITED STATES	35,573	35,593	100

[1] Not published separately to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

BROILER HATCH DOWN

North Carolina commercial hatcheries produced 65 million broiler-type chicks during July 2003, down 3% from a year ago.

Nationally, the July 2003 hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 777 million, was down 1% from the previous year. There were 641 million eggs in incubators on August 1, 2003, down 1% from a year earlier. Leading breeders placed 7.1 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during July 2003, up 7% from July 2002.

CHICKS HATCHED - JULY

STATE	BROILER-TYPE		
	2002	2003	2003 as % of 2002
	Thousands		*Percent*
North Carolina	**67,027**	**64,958**	**97**
Alabama	106,051	105,661	100
Arkansas	110,953	111,352	100
Delaware	12,567	13,188	105
Florida	8,679	4,874	56
Georgia	117,389	118,582	101
Kentucky	24,087	24,218	101
Louisiana	13,781	14,446	105
Maryland	35,482	34,497	97
Mississippi	70,081	71,521	102
Oklahoma	24,427	23,159	95
Pennsylvania	13,361	13,087	98
South Carolina	16,751	16,007	96
Texas	55,363	53,685	97
Virginia	22,832	23,867	105
California, Missouri, Tennessee & West Virginia	60,737	62,077	102
19 STATES [1]	759,568	755,179	99
Other States [2]	22,139	22,162	100
UNITED STATES	781,707	777,341	99

[1] States in the weekly hatchery production estimating program are those listed above. [2] Not published separately to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

CHICKEN EGGS IN INCUBATORS - AUGUST 1

GEOGRAPHIC DIVISION	BROILER-TYPE			EGG-TYPE		
	2002	2003	2003 as % of 2002	2002	2003	2003 as % of 2002
	Thousands		*Percent*	*Thousands*		*Percent*
South Atlantic	**239,283**	**233,599**	**98**	**3,916**	**2,556**	**65**
North Atlantic	11,663	12,322	106	4,745	4,854	102
East North Central	7,600	8,395	110	6,868	7,100	103
West North Central	20,614	22,026	107	7,821	7,500	96
South Central	342,058	341,216	100	5,195	5,099	98
West	23,507	23,217	99	4,287	3,601	84
UNITED STATES	644,725	640,775	99	32,832	30,710	94

TURKEY EGGS AND PLACEMENTS DOWN

Nationally, turkey eggs in incubators on August 1, 2003, totaled 32.2 million, down slightly from a year ago. Eggs in incubators were up 1% from the July 2003 total of 32.0 million. The 25.2 million poults placed during July 2003 in the United States were down 2% from the number placed during the same month a year ago. Placements were down 1% from the June 2003 total of 25.4 million. Regional placement percent changes from the previous year were: N & S Atlantic, up 4%; E N Central, down 7%; W N Central, unchanged; S Central, down 17%; and West, down 6%.

TURKEY HATCHERY - AUGUST 1

GEOGRAPHIC DIVISION	EGGS IN INCUBATORS AUGUST 1			POULTS PLACED DURING JULY [1]		
	2002	2003	2003 as % of 2002	2002	2003	2003 as % of 2002
	Thousands		*Percent*	*Thousands*		*Percent*
North & South Atlantic	**9,394**	**9,842**	**105**	**7,744**	**8,072**	**104**
East North Central	5,116	5,102	100	3,942	3,649	93
West North Central	11,647	11,392	98	9,016	9,049	100
South Central	2,966	2,204	74	2,261	1,882	83
West	3,113	3,692	119	2,683	2,530	94
UNITED STATES	32,236	32,232	100	25,646	25,182	98

[1] Regional placements refer to poults placed from hatcheries located in that region, and not the actual location of the birds after placement.

HIRED WORKERS DOWN

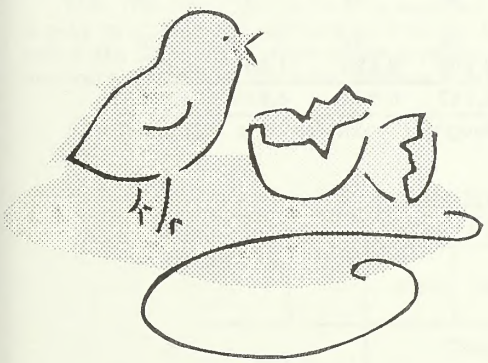
During the survey week of July 6-12, 2003, farms in the Appalachian I Region (North Carolina and Virginia) hired 53,000 workers. This is down from 60,000 hired in July of 2002, but seasonally up from the 29,000 estimated working in April 2003. The average wage rate for the Appalachian I region was $8.30, down $0.02 from July 2002.

There were 1.27 million hired workers on the Nation's farms and ranches during the week of July 6-12, up 1% from a year ago. There were 953,000 workers hired directly by farm operators. This compares with 1,006,000 workers hired directly by farm operators during the July 2002 survey week. Agricultural service employees on farms and ranches made up the remaining 320,000 workers in July 2003. Nationally, farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of $8.88 per hour during the July 2003 survey week, up $0.31 from July 2002.

WAGE RATES FOR HIRED WORKERS [1], July 6-12, 2003 WITH COMPARISONS [2]

Region [3]	Type of Work						Number of Hired Workers	
	Field		Livestock		All Hired [4]			
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003
	Dollars Per Hour						*(000)*	
Appalachian I	7.61	7.61	7.91	8.17	8.32	8.30	60	53
Appalachian II	7.22	7.79	7.64	7.98	7.75	8.27	32	36
Southeast	7.11	7.55	8.90	7.87	8.01	8.08	34	35
United States [5]	7.90	8.18	8.38	8.62	8.57	8.88	1006	953

[1] Excludes agricultural service workers. [2] Survey period in 2002 was July 7-13. [3] Appalachian I: NC, VA; Appalachian II: KY, TN, WV; Southeast: AL, GA, SC. [4] All Hired Workers includes supervisory and other workers. Piece rates not included. [5] Excludes Alaska.



U.S. INTENDED PLACEMENTS: EGG-TYPE PULLET CHICKS FOR HATCHERY SUPPLY FLOCKS [1]

MONTH	PULLET CHICKS HATCHED			2003 as % of 2002	CUM. PLAC. RELATIVE TO CUR. SUPPLY FLOCKS 7-18 Months Earlier [2]		
	2001	2002	2003		2001	2002	2003
	Thousands			*Percent*	*Thousands*		
January	236	228	198	87	3,158	2,974	2,974
February	214	247	221	89	3,205	2,916	2,918
March	284	237	315	133	3,239	2,886	
April	311	295	276	94	3,225	2,944	
May	315	319	279	87	3,134	2,980	
June	261	221	305	138	3,087	2,946	
July	340	282	226	80	3,048	2,927	
August	251	221			3,040	2,897	
September	219	277			3,073	2,871	
October	150	186			3,026	2,949	
November	261	227			3,010	2,930	
December	206	187			3,014	2,890	
TOTAL	3,048	2,927					

[1] Reported by leading breeders. Coverage may not be 100 percent. Includes expected pullet chicks from eggs sold during the preceding month at the rate of 125 pullet chicks per 30 dozen case of eggs. [2] For July 2003, includes breeder pullet chicks hatched January 2002 through December 2002. The 7-18 months represent the first laying cycle. Molting and additional laying cycles will increase the cumulative potential placements.

CATTLE ON FEED DOWN

Nationally, cattle and calves on feed August 1, 2003 in feedlots of 1,000 or more head for slaughter totaled 9.59 million head, down 5% from August 1, 2002 and 12% below August 1, 2001.

Placements in feedlots during July totaled 1.99 million, up 8% from a year ago and slightly above two years ago. Net placements were 1.93 million. During July, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 421,000, 600-699 pounds were 414,000, 700-799 pounds were 593,000, 800 pounds and over were 564,000 head.

Marketings of fed cattle during July 2003 totaled 2.27 million, 4% above a year ago and 11% above two years ago. Other disappearance totaled 60,000 during July, up 33% from the previous year and 2% above two years ago.

CATTLE ON FEED: NUMBER ON FEED, 1,000 + Capacity Feedlots [1]

STATE	AUGUST 1, 2002	JULY 1, 2003	AUGUST 1, 2003	
			NUMBER	2003 as % of 2002
	1,000 Head			*Percent*
Arizona	285	266	271	95
California	485	490	485	100
Colorado	990	890	860	87
Idaho	285	255	240	84
Iowa	320	310	290	91
Kansas	2,140	2,160	2,180	102
Nebraska	1,790	1,690	1,570	88
New Mexico	109	115	116	106
Oklahoma	310	350	335	108
S Dakota	160	167	148	93
Texas	2,740	2,820	2,690	98
Washington	165	160	170	103
Other States	310	250	230	74
UNITED STATES	10,089	9,923	9,585	95

[1] Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

RED MEAT PRODUCTION UP

Commercial red meat production in **North Carolina** during July 2003 totaled 171 million pounds dress weight, up 4% from a year earlier. Commercial red meat production includes slaughter in federally inspected and other plants, but excludes animals slaughtered on farms. Commercial slaughter of livestock in North Carolina during July 2003 totaled 233 million pounds live weight, up 4% from a year earlier. Cattle slaughter, at 19 million pounds, was 18% above a year earlier. Calf slaughter, at 45,000 pounds live weight, was down 13% from the previous year. Hog slaughter, at 213.8 million pounds live weight, was up 3% from a year earlier. Sheep and lamb slaughter, at 5,000 pounds live weight, was up 25% from the previous year. The average live weight per head was: cattle, 1,075 pounds; calves, 467 pounds; hogs, 247 pounds; sheep and lambs, 88 pounds.

Nationally, commercial red meat production for the United States during July 2003 totaled 4.05 billion pounds dress weight, up 1% from July 2002 and a new monthly high for July. **Beef production** in the U.S. totaled 2.44 billion pounds dress weight, up slightly from the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 3.3 million head, up 3% from a year earlier. The average live weight decreased 23 pounds to 1,225. **Veal production** totaled 14.8 million pounds dress weight, down 12% from the previous year. Calf slaughter totaled 84,900 head, down 11% from July 2002. The average live weight decreased 3 pounds to 288. **Pork production** totaled 1.58 billion pounds dress weight, up 1% from a year earlier. Hog kill totaled 8.1 million head, up slightly from July 2002. The average live weight increased 2 pounds to 262. **Lamb and mutton production**, at 15.7 million pounds dress weight, was down 4% from the previous year. Sheep slaughter totaled 239,200 head, down 8% from a year earlier. The average live weight increased 5 pounds to 131.

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER - JULY

SPECIES	NORTH CAROLINA				UNITED STATES					
	Number Slaughtered [1]		Total Live Weight		Number Slaughtered [1]		Total Live Weight		Total Dressed Weight [2]	
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003
	Thous. Head		*Thous. Pounds*		*Million Head*		*Million Pounds*		*Million Pounds*	
Cattle	15.2	17.6	16,002	18,962	3.2	3.3	3,979	4,024	2,427	2,438
Calves	0.1	0.1	52	45	0.1	0.1	28	24	17	15
Sheep & Lambs	0.1	0.1	4	5	0.3	0.3	34	33	16	16
Hogs	831.6	865.9	206,779	213,773	8.1	8.1	2,102	2,125	1,557	1,577
TOTAL	847.0	883.7	222,837	232,785	11.7	11.8	6,143	6,206	4,016	4,046

[1] Includes slaughter under Federal inspection and other commercial slaughter, excludes farm slaughter.
[2] Totals may not equal sum due to rounding.

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WEATHER CONDITIONS CONTINUE TO IMPACT CROPS

Precipitation across North Carolina has diminished in the last few weeks, but soil moisture remains mostly adequate to surplus. Above normal soil moisture levels negatively impacted some crop yields and harvest activities and contributed to the increased presence of pests and disease for some crops, especially tobacco. However, drier conditions in the last two weeks have allowed better field access for chemical applications and harvest. As September began, the peach harvest was almost complete while flue-cured tobacco was 70% harvested. Corn for grain harvest was just getting started and silage harvest was about one-half complete. Most crop conditions are rated as good to fair with the exception of apples which remain very poor to fair.

FLUE-CURED TOBACCO PRODUCTION LOWER

Flue-cured tobacco production in North Carolina is forecast at 302 million pounds, 11% below the 338.5 million pounds produced in 2002 and 2% below the previous month's estimate. The tobacco crop continues to suffer from persistent precipitation which has damaged root systems, washed away fertilizer and pesticides, and spawned diseases such as blue mold, which before this year has only been a major problem in the mountains. Harvested area remains at 154,000 acres, down 5% from last year. Overall yield is forecast at 1,961 pounds, 45 pounds less than last month and 128 pounds below last year.

U.S. flue-cured production is expected to total 477 million pounds, down 2% from last month's forecast and 8% below a year ago. Yield is expected to average 1,996 pounds per acre, 38 pounds less than the August forecast and 109 pounds below the 2002 yield. Flue-cured growers plan to harvest 239,000 acres, 3% below last year's acreage. Flue-cured tobacco accounts for 58% of the total tobacco acreage in the U.S.

FLUE-CURED TOBACCO: BY TYPE, SEPTEMBER 1, 2003

STATE	TYPE	ACRES HARVESTED			YIELD PER ACRE			PRODUCTION		
		2001	2002	Indicated 2003	2001	2002	Indicated 2003	2001	2002	Indicated 2003
		Thousands			*Pounds*			*Thousand Pounds*		
NC	**11**	**42.0**	**43.0**	**40.0**	**2,500**	**2,225**	**1,900**	**105,000**	**95,675**	**76,000**
NC	**12**	**93.0**	**98.0**	**94.0**	**2,400**	**2,020**	**2,000**	**223,200**	**197,960**	**188,000**
NC	**13**	**20.0**	**21.0**	**20.0**	**2,400**	**2,135**	**1,900**	**48,000**	**44,835**	**38,000**
NC	**11-13**	**155.0**	**162.0**	**154.0**	**2,427**	**2,089**	**1,961**	**376,200**	**338,470**	**302,000**
VA	11	20.5	22.0	20.0	2,370	2,340	1,700	48,585	51,480	34,000
SC	13	32.0	30.5	32.0	2,450	1,950	2,100	78,400	59,475	67,200
GA	14	26.1	26.5	29.0	2,460	2,100	2,200	64,206	55,650	63,800
FL	14	4.5	4.6	4.0	2,600	2,600	2,500	11,700	11,960	10,000
US	11-14	238.1	245.6	239.0	2,432	2,105	1,996	579,091	517,035	477,000

BURLEY TOBACCO PRODUCTION DOWN

Burley tobacco production is forecast at 8.4 million pounds, unchanged from last month's forecast, but 11% below last year's crop. Similar to the flue-cured crop, burley tobacco has also suffered from too much precipitation. Yield is forecast at 1,400 pounds, no change from last month, but 100 pounds below last year. Harvested acres remain at 6,000, 5% less than last year.

U.S. burley production is expected to total 291 million pounds, down less than 1% from the August 1 forecast and 3% less than last year. Yields are expected to average 1,947 pounds per acre, 2 pounds below the August forecast, but 55 pounds above the average yield for 2002. Burley tobacco growers expect to harvest 149,200 acres, 6% below a year ago.

N.C. COTTON PRODUCTION UP FROM LAST YEAR, U.S. DOWN

Cotton production is forecast at 1.0 million bales, 24% more than last year's drought-reduced crop, but 40% below the record crop of 2001. The State's cotton farmers expect to harvest 770,000 acres, 30,000 acres less than last month's forecast and 150,000 acres below last year. This is the lowest harvested acreage in the State since 1998. The reduction was the result of wet fields which prevented plantings and abandonment. Yield per acre is expected to average 623 pounds for the 2003 crop, 202 pounds per acre more than last year, but 209 pounds below 2001's record yield of 832 pounds.

U.S. cotton production is forecast at 16.9 million bales, down 1% from last month and 2% below last year's production. Yield is expected to average 667 pounds per acre, the same as last month. The lower production, compared to last month, is due primarily to reduced harvested area of 110,000 acres. Harvested area is expected to total 12.2 million acres.

CROPS: ACRES, YIELD AND PRODUCTION, SEPTEMBER 1, 2003

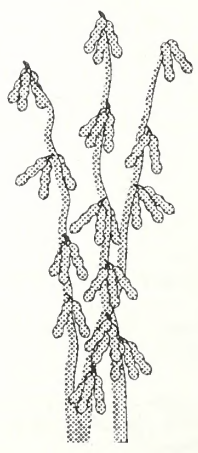
CROPS	UNIT	NORTH CAROLINA					
		ACRES HARVESTED		YIELD		PRODUCTION	
		2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003
		Thousands				*Thousands*	
Corn, grain	Bu.	700	640	83	110	58,100	70,400
Cotton, Upland [1]	Lb.	920	770	421	623	806	1,000
Hay, Other [2]	Ton	730	760	1.5	2.8	1,095	2,128
Irish Potatoes [2]	Cwt.	21	17	170	165	3,570	2,805
Peanuts	Lb.	100	100	2,100	2,900	210,000	290,000
Soybeans	Bu.	1,280	1,360	23.5	28.0	30,080	38,080
Tobacco:							
Flue-cured	Lb.	162	154	2,089	1,961	338,470	302,000
Type 11	Lb.	43	40	2,225	1,900	95,675	76,000
Type 12	Lb.	98	94	2,020	2,000	197,960	188,000
Type 13	Lb.	21	20	2,135	1,900	44,835	38,000
Burley	Lb.	6.3	6.0	1,500	1,400	9,450	8,400
All	Lb.	168.3	160.0	2,067	1,940	347,920	310,400
Wheat, Winter [2]	Bu.	480	420	42	36	20,160	15,120
FRUIT:		*Actual Acres*					
Apples [2 3]	Lb.	7,000	[4]	22,900	[4]	160,000	140,000
Grapes [2 3]	Ton	850	[4]	2.7	[4]	2.3	2.8
Peaches [2 3]	Lb.	1,200	[4]	8,330	[4]	10,000	9,000
		UNITED STATES					
		Thousands				*Millions*	
Corn, grain	Bu.	69,313	71,815	130.0	138.5	9,007.7	9,944.4
Cotton, All [1]	Lb.	12,427	12,192	665	667	17.2	16.9
Hay: Alfalfa [2 5]	Ton	23,135	23,541	3.19	3.31	73.8	78.0
Other [2]	Ton	41,362	40,838	1.86	2.01	77.1	82.1
All [2]	Ton	64,497	64,379	2.34	2.49	151.0	160.0
Peanuts	Lb.	1,297	1,277	2,561	3,121	3,320.5	3,985.9
Small Grain:							
Barley for Grain [2]	Bu.	4,135	4,899	54.9	57.5	226.9	281.5
Oats for Grain [2]	Bu.	2,098	2,331	56.8	64.9	119.1	151.3
Wheat, Winter [2]	Bu.	29,651	36,491	38.5	46.9	1,142.8	1,712.2
Sorghum, grain	Bu.	7,299	8,041	50.7	51.0	369.8	410.1
Soybeans	Bu.	72,160	72,626	37.8	36.4	2,729.7	2,642.6
Tobacco:							
Flue-cured	Lb.	245.6	239.0	2,105	1,996	517.0	477.0
Burley	Lb.	158.6	149.2	1,892	1,947	300.1	290.5
All	Lb.	428.7	413.7	2,055	2,008	880.7	830.8
FRUIT:							
Apples [2 3]	Lb.	401.0	[4]	21,300	[4]	8,555.6	9,266.6
Grapes [2 3]	Ton	948.7	[4]	7.76	[4]	7.4	7.1
Peaches [2 3]	Lb.	152.4	[4]	16,900	[4]	2,575.4	2,618.1

[1] Production in 480-lb bales. [2] Estimate carried forward from earlier forecast. [3] Total production. [4] Released January, 2004. [5] Includes alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures.

N.C. SOYBEAN PRODUCTION UP, U.S. DOWN

Soybean production for North Carolina is forecast at 38.1 million bushels, unchanged from last month's forecast, but 27% above last year. The average yield is forecast at 28 bushels per acre compared with 23.5 last year and 32.0 in 2001. Harvested acres, at 1.36 million, are up 80,000 from last year.

U.S. soybean production is forecast at 2.64 billion bushels, down 8% from the August forecast and 3% below 2002. Based on conditions as of September 1, yields are expected to average 36.4 bushels per acre, down 3 bushels from August. If realized, this would be the lowest production since 1996.



CORN PRODUCTION UP

North Carolina's corn crop has solidly rebounded from last year's drought with a forecasted yield of 110 bushels per acre, 27 bushels more than 2002, but 15 bushels below 2001. Production is forecast at 70.4 million bushels, 21% above a year ago. Harvested acres are estimated at 640,000, down 60,000 acres from last year.

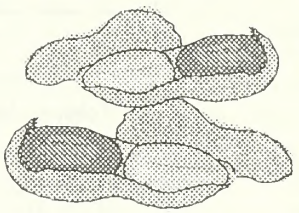
U.S. corn production is forecast at 9.94 billion bushels, down 1% from last month, but 10% above 2002. Based on conditions as of September 1, yields are expected to average 138.5 bushels per acre, down 1.4 bushels from August, but up 8.5 bushels from last year. If realized, both production and yield will be the second largest on record. The record for both was set in 1994 when production was estimated at 10.1 billion bushels and yield was 138.6 bushels per acre.

PEANUT STOCKS DOWN

Peanut stocks in commercial storage on July 31, 2003 in the United States were down 38% from last year and totaled 919 million pounds of equivalent farmer stock, compared to 1.48 billion pounds last year. This total includes 172 million pounds of actual farmer stock.

Shelled peanuts on hand totaled 698 million pounds of farmer stock equivalent. Roasting stock totaled 49.2 million pounds. There were no Commodity Credit Corporation uncommitted stocks on hand as of July 31, 2003.

Shelled peanut stocks totaled 525 million pounds of which 504 million pounds were edible grades and 20.5 million pounds were oil stocks. Edible grade stocks by type were 63.0 million pounds of Virginias, 412 million pounds of Runners, and 28.9 million pounds of Spanish.



PEANUT PROSPECTS IMPROVE NATIONALLY

North Carolina peanut prospects remained steady from last month with production forecast at 290 million pounds. This is 38% above last year's drought reduced crop. Even though the increased precipitation is preferred over the drought, growers are hoping for dry weather as harvest season approaches. Currently, yield for peanuts is forecast at 2,900 pounds per acre, no change from last month, but 800 pounds above last year. Harvested area, at 100,000 acres, remains unchanged from last month and last year.

U.S. peanut production is forecast at 3.99 billion pounds, up 1% from August 1 and up 20% from last year's crop. Yields are expected to average a record high 3,121 pounds per harvested acre, 19 pounds above the August estimate and 560 pounds above the 2002 level. Harvested area, at 1.28 million acres, is unchanged from the August report, but is 2% below the 2002 harvested acreage.

Production in the Southeastern States (Alabama, Florida, Georgia, and South Carolina) is expected to total 2.63 billion pounds, up 1% from last month and 38% above 2002. Yield for the four-State area is expected to average 3,095 pounds per acre, 25 pounds above last month and 662 pounds above last year.

Virginia-North Carolina production is forecast at 382 million pounds, up 1% from August and up 16% from 2002. Yield for the region is forecast at 2,875 pounds, up 25 pounds from August and 775 pounds above 2002.

FARM PRICES INDEX NUMBERS

INDEX (1967 = 100)	Aug. 15 2001[1]	Aug. 15 2002[1]	July 15 2003[1]	Aug. 15 2003
NORTH CAROLINA				
Prices Received: All Farm Products	254	238	256	254
All Crops	253	254	265	257
Tobacco	275	273	284	275
Oil Bearing	214	190	215	215
Grains	157	207	218	196
Commercial Vegetables	196	225	207	207
Fruits	342	312	312	312
Livestock and Livestock Products	255	210	241	248
Meat Animals	298	209	271	265
Poultry	222	209	239	250
Dairy	290	212	198	217
UNITED STATES				
Prices Received, All Farm Products	279	253	267	275
Prices Paid, Commodities & Services [2]	[4]	[4]	498	[4]
Parity Ratio [3]	[4]	[4]	54	[4]

[1] Revised. [2] Including Interest, Taxes and Farm Wage Rates. [3] Ratio of Index of Prices Received by Farmers to Index of Prices Paid. [4] Available quarterly following February 1986 Survey.

NORTH CAROLINA PRICES RECEIVED INDEX

The August 2003 "All Farm Products" index of prices received by North Carolina farmers, at 254% of its 1967 base, was down 2 points from a month earlier. Contributing most to the decrease were lower prices for tobacco, corn and hogs. The index was 16 points above a year earlier.

The August 2003 "All Crops" index, at 257, was down 8 points from the previous month, but was 3 points above a year earlier. The "Livestock and Livestock Products" index for August 2003, at 248, was up 7 points from the previous month and was 38 points above the previous year.

The meat animals index for August 2003, at 265, was down 6 points from the previous month, but was 56 points above a year ago. The poultry index, at 250, was up 11 points from the previous month and was 41 points above a year earlier. The dairy index, at 217, was up 19 points from a month earlier and was 5 points above a year ago.

PRICES RECEIVED FOR SELECTED COMMODITIES

The average price received for tobacco by North Carolina farmers in August 2003 was $1.805 per pound, down 6 cents from the previous month, but 1.5 cents above a year ago. The August corn price, at $2.69 per bushel, was down 31 cents from the previous month and was 15 cents below the previous year.

Prices received for all hogs in August 2003, at $42.00 per hundredweight, were down $2.40 from July, but were $10.20 above a year ago. The average price for table eggs, at 66 cents per dozen, was up 14 cents from a month earlier and was 26 cents above the previous year due to strong demand from fresh and breaker markets.

PRICES RECEIVED

COMMODITY	UNIT	NORTH CAROLINA			UNITED STATES		
		August 2002	July 2003	August 2003	August 2002	July 2003	August 2003
		Entire Month	*Entire Month*	*Mid Month*	*Entire Month*	*Entire Month*	*Mid Month*
				Dollars			
Tobacco, All [1]	Lb.	1.790	1.865	1.805	1.795	1.805	1.790
Corn	Bu.	2.84	3.00	2.69	2.38	2.17	2.13
Cotton	Lb.	.459	-	-	.330	.461	.440
Soybeans	Bu.	5.80	[5]	[5]	5.53	5.83	5.56
Hogs, All	Cwt.	31.80	44.40	42.00	31.90	42.80	41.10
Com'l Broilers [2]	Lb.	-	-	-	.290	.360	.370
Turkeys, Live [2 3]	Lb.	-	-	-	.382	.331	.322
Eggs [3 4]	Doz.	.400	.520	.660	.664	.726	.853
Milk, All [2]	Cwt.	-	-	-	10.97	11.88	12.38
Potatoes	Cwt.	-	-	-	8.00	6.43	7.71
Apples, Com'l. [1]	Lb.	-	-	-	.245	.200	.258
Hay, All, Baled [3]	Ton	-	-	-	92.40	89.00	85.30

[1] Entire month. [2] North Carolina monthly estimates discontinued. [3] Mid month. [4] Market (Table) eggs including eggs sold retail by producers. [5] Price not published to avoid disclosure of individual firms.

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HOG INVENTORY DOWN

All hogs and pigs on **North Carolina** farms on September 1, 2003 totaled 9.9 million head, 3% below last year. Market hogs, at 8.9 million head are down 3% from last year, while breeding stock at 1.0 million head, remains unchanged. North Carolina ranks 2nd nationally in the total number of hogs and pigs behind Iowa's 15.7 million head. Minnesota is a distant 3rd with 6.3 million head inventory.

The State's pig crop during the June - August 2003 period totaled 4,950,000 head, down 3% from the same months last year. These pigs were produced by 550,000 sows, 2% below last year. Pigs saved per litter averaged 9.0, compared to last year's 9.1 litter size.

North Carolina producers intend to farrow 550,000 sows during September - November 2003 and 540,000 during December 2003 - February 2004. If these intentions materialize, farrowings will be 3% above the same six month period last year.

United States inventory of hogs and pigs on September 1, 2003 was estimated at 59.6 million head, down 2% from a year earlier, but 2% above June 1, 2003. Breeding inventory, at 5.88 million head, was down 3% from a year earlier and down 1% from the previous quarter. Market hogs totaled 53.7 million head, 2% below last year, but 2% above last quarter.

The March - August 2003 pig crop, at 50.2 million head, was down 3% from last year. Pigs saved per litter averaged 8.89 compared with 8.86 last year. Producers intend to have 5.6 million sows farrowing during the September 2003 - February 2004 period, down slightly from the actual farrowings during the same period last year. The total number of hogs under contract, owned by operations with over 5,000 head total inventory, but raised by contractees, accounted for 35% of the total U.S. hog inventory, unchanged from last year.

HOGS AND PIGS : INVENTORY NUMBER By Class and Weight Group, Sows Farrowing and Pig Crop

ITEM	NORTH CAROLINA			UNITED STATES		
	2002	2003	2003 as % of 2002	2002	2003	2003 as % of 2002
	Thousand Head		*Percent*	*Thousand Head*		*Percent*
SEPTEMBER 1 INVENTORY:						
All Hogs and Pigs	10,200	9,900	97	60,725	59,623	98
Kept for breeding	1,000	1,000	100	6,054	5,882	97
Market	9,200	8,900	97	54,670	53,741	98
Market Hogs and Pigs By Weight Groups:						
Under 60 Lbs	3,600	3,550	99	20,070	19,862	99
60-119 Lbs	2,300	2,250	98	13,655	13,570	99
120-179 Lbs	1,800	1,750	97	11,019	10,848	98
180 Lbs. and Over	1,500	1,350	90	9,926	9,461	95
JUNE 1 INVENTORY:						
All Hogs and Pigs	9,900	9,600	97	60,288	58,736	97
Kept for breeding	1,000	1,000	100	6,209	5,940	96
Market	8,900	8,600	97	54,078	52,796	98
SOWS FARROWING:						
March-May	550	540	98	2,943	2,821	96
June-August	560	550	98	2,887	2,826	98
September-November	530	550 [2]	104	2,817	2,801 [2]	99
PIG CROP:						
March-May	4,950	4,860	98	25,959	25,053	97
June-August	5,096	4,950	97	25,700	25,150	98
	Number			*Number*		
PIGS PER LITTER:						
March-May	9.00	9.00	100	8.82	8.88	101
June-August	9.10	9.00	99	8.90	8.90	100

	2003	2004	2004 as % of 2003	2003	2004	2004 as % of 2003
	Thousand Head		*Percent*	*Thousand Head*		*Percent*
SOWS FARROWING:						
December[1]-February	530	540 [2]	102	2,767	2,766 [2]	100

[1] *December preceding year.* [2] *Intentions.*

EGG PRODUCTION - AUGUST

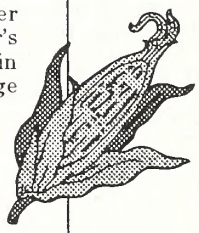
STATE	LAYERS ON HAND		TOTAL EGGS PRODUCED		TABLE EGGS		HATCHING EGGS	
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003
	Thousands		*Million Eggs*					
North Carolina	**11,001**	**10,500**	**212**	**209**	**81**	**83**	**131**	**126**
Alabama	10,023	9,727	189	185	48	49	141	136
Florida	10,508	10,812	228	241	215	231	13	10
Georgia	20,005	20,230	408	425	230	252	178	173
South Carolina	5,359	5,225	113	118	95	99	18	19
UNITED STATES	336,159	332,003	7,356	7,308	6,263	6,238	1,093	1,069

N.C. SMALL GRAIN PRODUCTION DOWN UNITED STATES UP

North Carolina's 2003 wheat production fell to 14.8 million bushels, 27% below the previous year. Yield also decreased to 36 bushels per acre compared with 42 bushels in 2002. With increased abandonment due to wet conditions, this year's harvested acreage decreased by 70,000 to 410,000 acres. The 2003 U.S. all wheat production rose to an estimated 2.34 billion bushels, 44% above 2002. The higher production was the result of an increase in acreage and yield. The national average yield rose 8.9 bushels to 44.2 bushels per acre.

North Carolina's average yield for oats increased to 59 bushels, 2 bushels above 2002. However, harvested area decreased by 13,000 to 22,000 acres, causing production to fall to 1.3 million bushels, 35% below the previous year. U.S. oat production for the 2003 crop year is estimated at 145 million bushels, 22% above 2002. The estimated yield, at 65 bushels per acre, is 8.3 bushels above last year.

The State's barley yield fell 13 bushels from last year to 56 bushels per acre along with a production decrease of 43% to 784,000 bushels. This year's harvested area dropped by 6,000 to 14,000 acres. U.S. barley production in 2003 is estimated at 276 million bushels, up 22% from last year. Average yield per acre, at 58.9 bushels, is up 4 bushels from 2002.



STATE'S CORN AND WHEAT STOCKS DOWN

North Carolina old corn stocks in all positions on September 1, 2003 are estimated at 6.9 million bushels, a decrease of 759,000 bushels from a year ago. Off-farm corn stocks are up 441,000 bushels from a year ago to 5.5 million bushels. On-farm stocks are down 46% from a year ago to 1.4 million bushels.

All wheat stocks in North Carolina, at 7.4 million bushels, are down 33% from last year. Off-farm wheat stocks, at 6.0 million bushels, are down 34% from a year ago, while on-farm stocks are down 26% to 1.4 million bushels.

GRAIN STOCKS, SEPTEMBER 1, 2003, WITH COMPARISONS

YEAR	STOCKS ON-FARMS				STOCKS IN OFF-FARM POSITIONS [1]				TOTAL STOCKS ALL POSITIONS			
	March 1	June 1	**Sept. 1**	Dec. 1	March 1	June 1	**Sept. 1**	Dec. 1	March 1	June 1	**Sept. 1**	Dec. 1
						Thousand Bushels						
NORTH CAROLINA												
CORN:												
2001	16,000	7,800	2,150	22,500	20,280	10,939	6,621	23,329	36,280	18,739	8,771	45,829
2002	14,000	7,100	2,600	18,000	20,095	10,716	5,101	19,415	34,095	17,816	7,701	37,415
2003	9,000	3,200	**1,400**		11,600	10,035	**5,542**		20,600	13,235	**6,942**	
SOYBEANS:												
2001	*	*	*	*	11,923	6,598	3,983	15,526	*	*	*	*
2002	*	*	*	*	9,701	5,135	*	6,272	*	*	*	*
2003	*	*	*		7,250	4,431	**2,365**		*	*	*	
WHEAT:												
2001	600	190	2,000	1,600	7,321	3,231	9,003	5,882	7,921	3,421	11,003	7,482
2002	200	70	1,900	1,100	4,722	1,439	9,085	7,589	4,922	1,509	10,985	8,689
2003	600	100	**1,400**		4,618	1,533	**5,985**		5,218	1,633	**7,385**	
UNITED STATES												
CORN:												
2001	3,600,000	2,230,800	753,150	5,275,000	2,442,999	1,693,158	1,145,958	2,989,715	6,042,999	3,923,958	1,899,108	8,264,715
2002	3,355,000	2,020,600	586,800	4,800,000	2,440,263	1,576,290	1,009,626	2,837,971	5,795,263	3,596,890	1,596,426	7,637,971
2003	2,940,000	1,620,200	**484,900**		2,191,751	1,364,485 [2]	**600,869**		5,131,751	2,984,685 [2]	**1,085,769**	
SOYBEANS:												
2001	780,000	365,000	83,500	1,240,000	623,908	343,180	164,247	1,035,618	1,403,908	708,180	247,747	2,275,618
2002	687,000	301,200	62,700	1,170,000	648,987	383,721	145,320	943,641	1,335,987	684,921	208,020	2,113,641
2003	635,500	272,500	**58,000**		565,528	329,862 [2]	**111,431**		1,201,028	602,362 [2]	**169,431**	
WHEAT:												
2001	384,750	197,270	696,850	517,890	953,648	678,912	1,458,964	1,105,565	1,338,398	876,182	2,155,814	1,623,455
2002	338,500	216,830	580,200	384,800	871,268	560,282	1,170,787	935,069	1,209,768	777,112	1,750,987	1,319,869
2003	236,300	132,110	**689,970**		670,333	359,306 [2]	**1,345,635**		906,633	491,416 [2]	**2,035,605**	
SORGHUM:												
2001	40,100	19,000	8,900	72,400	127,027	57,411	32,851	241,477	167,127	76,411	41,751	313,877
2002	38,100	17,300	7,400	53,600	156,007	88,178	53,573	178,252	194,107	105,478	60,973	231,852
2003	27,500	11,150	**4,500**		135,423	70,744	**38,049**		162,923	81,894	**42,549**	

*[1] Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals and processors. [2] Revised. * Data no longer published, figures included in U.S. total.*

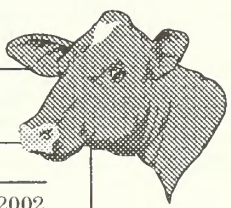
TURKEY EGGS AND POULTS DOWN

Nationally, turkey eggs in incubators on September 1, 2003 totaled 28.3 million, down 4% from a year ago. Eggs in incubators were 13% below the August 1 total of 32.5 million. The 24.0 million poults placed during August 2003 in the United States were down 4% from the number placed during the same month a year ago. Placements were down 5% from the July 2003 total of 25.3 million. Regional placement percent changes from the previous year were: N & S Atlantic, up slightly; E N Central, down 10%; W N Central, down 1%; S Central, down 30%; and West, up 12%.

TURKEY HATCHERY - SEPTEMBER 1

GEOGRAPHIC DIVISION	Eggs in Incubators September 1			Poults Placed During August [1]		
	2002	2003	2003 as % of 2002	2002	2003	2003 as % of 2002
	Thousands		*Percent*	*Thousands*		*Percent*
North & South Atlantic	**8,051**	**8,318**	**103**	**7,374**	**7,399**	**100**
East North Central	4,815	4,604	96	3,935	3,541	90
West North Central	11,353	11,341	100	8,864	8,795	99
South Central	2,671	2,083	78	2,428	1,708	70
West	2,603	1,933	74	2,323	2,593	112
UNITED STATES	29,493	28,279	96	24,924	24,036	96

[1] Regional placements refer to poults placed from hatcheries located in that region, and not the actual location of the birds after placement.



CATTLE ON FEED: NUMBER ON FEED, 1,000 + Capacity Feedlots [1]

STATE	SEPTEMBER 1, 2002	AUGUST 1, 2003	SEPTEMBER 1, 2003	
			NUMBER	2003 as % of 2002
	1,000 Head			*Percent*
Arizona	285	271	274	96
California	490	485	485	99
Colorado	1,000	860	900	90
Idaho	275	240	245	89
Iowa	310	295	300	97
Kansas	2,230	2,180	2,250	101
Nebraska	1,850	1,570	1,660	90
New Mexico	114	116	121	106
Oklahoma	305	335	345	113
S Dakota	145	148	134	92
Texas	2,680	2,690	2,700	101
Washington	155	170	180	116
Other States	290	230	235	81
UNITED STATES	10,129	9,590	9,829	97

[1] Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

ANNUAL SUMMARY: Small Grains, North Carolina and United States, 2002-2003

CROPS	Unit	Acres Harvested		Yield Per Acre		Production	
		2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003
		Thousand				*Thousand*	
NORTH CAROLINA							
Barley for Grain	Bu.	20	14	69	56	1,380	784
Oats for Grain	Bu.	35	22	57	59	1,995	1,298
Wheat for Grain	Bu.	480	410	42	36	20,160	14,760
UNITED STATES							
Barley for Grain	Bu.	4,129	4,688	54.9	58.9	226,573	276,087
Oats for Grain	Bu.	2,093	2,224	56.7	65.0	118,628	144,649
Rye for Grain	Bu.	281	339	24.8	27.3	6,955	9,254
Wheat for Grain, All	Bu.	45,917	52,839	35.3	44.2	1,619,001	2,336,526

RED MEAT PRODUCTION DOWN

Commercial red meat production in **North Carolina** during August 2003 totaled 164 million pounds dress weight, down 4% from a year earlier. Commercial red meat production includes slaughter in federally inspected and other plants, but excludes animals slaughtered on farms. Commercial slaughter of livestock in North Carolina during August 2003 totaled 225 million pounds live weight, down 3% from a year earlier. Cattle slaughter, at 21 million pounds live weight, was 24% above a year earlier. Calf slaughter, at 49,000 pounds live weight, was down 9% from the previous year. Hog slaughter, at 204 million pounds live weight, was down 5% from a year earlier. The average live weight per head was: cattle, 1,084 pounds; calves, 453 pounds; hogs, 245 pounds.

Nationally, commercial red meat production during August 2003 totaled 3.91 billion pounds dress weight, down 5% from August 2002. **Beef production** in the U.S. totaled 2.33 billion pounds dress weight, down 6% from the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 3.13 million head, down 2% from a year earlier. The average live weight decreased 34 pounds to 1,225. **Veal production** totaled 14.2 million pounds dress weight, down 15% from the previous year and a new monthly low. Calf slaughter totaled 79,700 head, down 17% from August 2002. The average live weight increased 5 pounds to 294. **Pork production** totaled 1.56 billion pounds dress weight, down 5% from a year earlier. Hog kill totaled 8.04 million head, down 6% from August 2002. The average live weight increased 1 pound to 260. **Lamb and mutton production**, at 15.7 million pounds dress weight, was down 6% from the previous year and was a new monthly low. Sheep slaughter totaled 241,200 head, down 9% from a year earlier. The average live weight increased 3 pounds to 129.

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER - AUGUST

SPECIES	NORTH CAROLINA				UNITED STATES					
	Number Slaughtered [1]		Total Live Weight		Number Slaughtered [1]		Total Live Weight		Total Dressed Weight [2]	
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003
	Thous. Head		*Thous. Pounds*		*Million Head*		*Million Pounds*		*Million Pounds*	
Cattle	16.4	19.5	17,107	21,159	3.2	3.1	4,044	3,840	2,469	2,328
Calves	0.1	0.1	54	49	0.1	0.1	28	23	17	14
Sheep & Lambs	0.1	0.3	3	30	0.3	0.2	33	31	17	16
Hogs	866.1	829.5	215,242	203,522	8.5	8.0	2,212	2,094	1,637	1,555
TOTAL	882.7	849.4	232,406	224,760	12.1	11.4	6,317	5,988	4,140	3,913

[1] Includes slaughter under Federal inspection and other commercial slaughter, excludes farm slaughter.
[2] Totals may not equal sum due to rounding.

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ISABEL BRINGS MORE RAIN

Hurricane Isabel brought increased precipitation to the State during September. Soil moisture remained mostly adequate to surplus for the month causing delays in field work. The hurricane caused considerable damage to unharvested crops in the northeastern counties. Statewide, the harvest of flue-cured and burley tobacco, corn for grain, apples, and the second cutting of hay was nearing completion by the end of September. Sweetpotatoes and sorghum were about one-fifth harvested by month's end, and small grains were being planted. Most crop conditions are rated as good to fair with the exception of sorghum which is poor to fair.

CORN PRODUCTION UP U.S. CROP LARGEST EVER

The State's corn crop is estimated to total 70.4 million bushels, unchanged from last month's forecast, but 21% above last year. Yield per acre is forecast at 110 bushels per acre, 27 bushels more than 2002, but 15 bushels below 2001. Harvested acres are estimated at 640,000, down 60,000 acres from a year ago.

U.S. corn production is forecast at 10.2 billion bushels, up 3% from last month and 13% above 2002. Based on conditions as of October 1, yields are expected to average 142.2 bushels per acre, up 3.7 bushels from September and up 12.2 bushels from last year. If realized, both production and yield would be the largest ever.

N.C. SOYBEAN PRODUCTION UP U.S. LOWEST SINCE 1996

North Carolina's soybean crop is forecast to average 30 bushels per acre, up 2 bushels from last month's estimate. This compares with 24 bushels per acre last year and 32 bushels in 2001. Soybean harvested acres increased 30,000 from last month to 1.39 million. The increase in harvested acres and yield results in forecasted production of 41.7 million bushels, up 10% from last month's estimate and 35% above last year.

U.S. soybean production is forecast at 2.47 billion bushels, down 7% from the September forecast and 10% below 2002. If realized, this would be the lowest production since 1996. Based on conditions as of October 1, yields are expected to average 34 bushels per acre, down 2.4 bushels from September and 4 bushels below 2002.

COTTON PRODUCTION UP

Cotton production in North Carolina is forecast at 1.0 million bales, unchanged from last month, but 24% more than last year's drought-reduced crop. Hurricane Isabel damaged some of the crop in the northeastern counties, but most cotton farmers are looking forward to a good crop. They expect to harvest 770,000 acres, 150,000 acres less than last year. This is the lowest harvested acreage in the State since 1998. Yield per acre is expected to average 623 pounds for the 2003 crop, 202 pounds per acre more than last year, but 209 pounds below 2001's record yield of 832 pounds.

U.S. all cotton production is forecast at 17.6 million bales, up 4% percent from last month and 2% above last year's production. Yield is expected to average 696 pounds per acre, up 29 pounds from last month.

FLUE-CURED TOBACCO PRODUCTION DOWN

Flue-cured tobacco production in North Carolina is forecast at 303 million pounds. This production is 10% below last year, but is one million pounds above last month's estimate. Due to the increased precipitation, tobacco harvest is well ahead of last year's drought impacted season. Harvested area for the State is at 154,000 acres, down 5% from last year. Overall yield is forecast at 1,968 pounds, down 121 pounds from last year.

U.S. flue-cured production is expected to total 476 million pounds, down less than 1% from last month and 8% below 2002. Growers plan to harvest 238,300 acres in 2003, 3% below last year. Flue-cured yields are forecast to average 1,998 pounds per acre, 2 pounds above last month's estimate, but 107 pounds less than last year.

FLUE-CURED TOBACCO: BY TYPE, OCTOBER 1, 2003

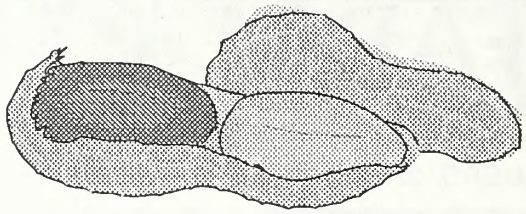
STATE	TYPE	ACRES HARVESTED			YIELD PER ACRE			PRODUCTION		
		2001	2002	Indicated 2003	2001	2002	Indicated 2003	2001	2002	Indicated 2003
		Thousands			*Pounds*			*Thousand Pounds*		
NC	**11**	**42.0**	**43.0**	**40.0**	**2,500**	**2,225**	**1,900**	**105,000**	**95,675**	**76,000**
NC	**12**	**93.0**	**98.0**	**94.0**	**2,400**	**2,020**	**2,000**	**223,200**	**197,960**	**188,000**
NC	**13**	**20.0**	**21.0**	**20.0**	**2,400**	**2,135**	**1,950**	**48,000**	**44,835**	**39,000**
NC	**11-13**	**155.0**	**162.0**	**154.0**	**2,427**	**2,089**	**1,968**	**376,200**	**338,470**	**303,000**
VA	11	20.5	22.0	19.0	2,370	2,340	1,650	48,585	51,480	31,350
SC	13	32.0	30.5	32.0	2,450	1,950	2,100	78,400	59,475	67,200
GA	14	26.1	26.5	29.0	2,460	2,100	2,200	64,206	55,650	63,800
FL	14	4.5	4.6	4.3	2,600	2,600	2,500	11,700	11,960	10,750
US	11-14	238.1	245.6	238.3	2,432	2,105	1,998	579,091	517,035	476,100

PEANUT STOCKS DOWN

Peanut stocks in commercial storage on August 31, 2003 in the United States were down 50% from last year and totaled 592 million pounds of equivalent farmer stock, compared to 1.18 billion pounds last year. This total includes 77.2 million pounds of actual farmer stock.

Shelled peanuts on hand totaled 482 million pounds of farmer stock equivalent. Roasting stock totaled 33.7 million pounds. There were no Commodity Credit Corporation uncommitted stocks on hand as of August 31, 2003.

Shelled peanut stocks totaled 362 million pounds of which 351 million pounds were edible grades and 11.5 million pounds were oil stocks. Edible grade stocks by type were 53.2 million pounds of Virginias, 277 million pounds of Runners, and 20.4 million pounds of Spanish.



NORTH CAROLINA CROPS: ACRES, YIELD AND PRODUCTION, OCTOBER 1, 2003

CROPS	UNIT	NORTH CAROLINA					
		ACRES HARVESTED		YIELD		PRODUCTION	
		2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003
		Thousands				*Thousands*	
Barley	Bu.	20	14	69	56	1,380	784
Corn, grain	Bu.	700	640	83	110	58,100	70,400
Cotton, Upland [1]	Lb.	920	770	421	623	806	1,000
Hay, Other	Ton	730	760	1.5	2.8	1,095	2,128
Irish Potatoes [2]	Cwt.	21	17	170	165	3,570	2,805
Oats	Bu.	35	22	57	59	1,995	1,298
Peanuts	Lb.	100	100	2,100	2,800	210,000	280,000
Soybeans [3]	Bu.	1,290	1,390	24	30	30,960	41,700
Tobacco:							
Flue-cured	Lb.	162	154	2,089	1,968	338,470	303,000
Type 11	Lb.	43	40	2,225	1,900	95,675	76,000
Type 12	Lb.	98	94	2,020	2,000	197,960	188,000
Type 13	Lb.	21	20	2,135	1,950	44,835	39,000
Burley	Lb.	6.3	6.0	1,500	1,400	9,450	8,400
All	Lb.	168.3	160.0	2,067	1,946	347,920	311,400
Wheat, Winter	Bu.	480	410	42	36	20,160	14,760
FRUIT:		*Actual Acres*					
Apples [4]	Lb.	7,000	[5]	22,900	[5]	160,000	130,000
Grapes [2 4]	Ton	850	[5]	2.7	[5]	2.3	2.8
Peaches [2 4]	Lb.	1,200	[5]	8,330	[5]	10,000	9,000
Pecans	Lb.	[6]	[6]	[6]	[6]	1,900	2,500
				UNITED STATES			
		Thousands				*Millions*	
Barley [3]	Bu.	4,129	4,688	54.9	58.9	226.6	276.1
Corn, grain	Bu.	69,313	71,765	130.0	142.2	9,007.7	10,207.0
Cotton, All [1]	Lb.	12,427	12,107	665	696	17.2	17.6
Hay: Alfalfa [7]	Ton	23,135	23,541	3.19	3.34	73.8	78.5
Other	Ton	41,362	40,838	1.86	2.01	77.1	82.2
All	Ton	64,497	64,379	2.34	2.50	151.0	160.7
Peanuts [3]	Lb.	1,297	1,277	2,561	3,095	3,320.5	3,951.9
Oats [3]	Bu.	2,093	2,224	56.7	65.0	118.6	144.6
Sorghum, grain	Bu.	7,299	7,851	50.7	51.0	369.8	400.7
Soybeans [3]	Bu.	72,437	72,538	38.0	34.0	2,749.3	2,468.4
Tobacco:							
Flue-cured	Lb.	245.6	238.3	2,105	1,998	517.0	476.1
Burley	Lb.	158.6	149.2	1,892	2,033	300.1	303.3
All	Lb.	428.7	413.0	2,055	2,044	880.7	844.3
Wheat, Winter [3]	Bu.	29,751	36,541	38.5	46.7	1,145.6	1,707.1
FRUIT:							
Apples [4]	Lb.	401.0	[5]	21,300	[5]	8,555.6	9,351.6
Grapes [4]	Ton	948.7	[5]	7.76	[5]	7.4	6.8
Peaches [2 4]	Lb.	152.4	[5]	16,900	[5]	2,575.4	2,618.1
Pecans	Lb.	[6]	[6]	[6]	[6]	172.9	281.9

[1] Production in 480-lb bales. [2] Estimate carried forward from earlier forecast. [3] 2002 Revised. [4] Total production. [5] Released January, 2004. [6] Not estimated. [7] Includes alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures.

PRICES RECEIVED FOR SELECTED COMMODITIES

The average price received for tobacco by North Carolina farmers in September 2003 was $1.87 per pound, up 7 cents from the previous month and 5.5 cents above a year ago. The September corn price, at $2.42 per bushel, was down 42 cents from the previous month and was 40 cents below the previous year. Cotton prices held steady at 43.6 cents per pound for September and the previous month. The September soybean price, at $6.03 per bushel, was up 50 cents from a month earlier and was 35 cents above a year ago.

Prices received for all hogs in September, at $42.80 per hundredweight, were up 20 cents from August and were $15.70 above a year ago. The average price for table eggs, at 64.5 cents per dozen, was down 1.5 cents from a month ago, but was up 28.5 cents from the previous year.

PRICES RECEIVED

COMMODITY	UNIT	NORTH CAROLINA			UNITED STATES		
		Sept. 2002	Aug. 2003	Sept. 2003	Sept. 2002	Aug. 2003	Sept. 2003
		Entire Month	*Entire Month*	*Mid Month*	*Entire Month*	*Entire Month*	*Mid Month*
				Dollars			
Tobacco, All [1]	Lb.	1.815	1.800	1.870	1.810	1.815	1.870
Corn	Bu.	2.82	2.84	2.42	2.47	2.15	2.13
Cotton	Lb.	-	.436	.436	.352	.463	.485
Soybeans	Bu.	5.68	5.530	6.030	5.39	5.68	6.04
Hogs, All	Cwt.	27.10	42.60	42.80	26.50	39.50	39.20
Com'l Broilers, Live [2]	Lb.	-	-	-	.290	.360	.360
Turkeys, Live [2 3]	Lb.	-	-	-	.372	.322	.357
Eggs [3 4]	Doz.	.360	.660	.645	.392	.669	.634
Milk, All [2]	Cwt.	-	-	-	11.60	13.20	14.00
Potatoes	Cwt.	-	-	-	6.14	6.22	5.28
Apples, Com'l. [1]	Lb.	-	-	-	.300	.258	.251
Hay, All, Baled [3]	Ton	-	-	-	93.00	85.30	84.20

[1] Entire month. [2] North Carolina monthly estimates discontinued. [3] Mid month. [4] Market (Table) eggs including eggs sold retail by producers.

NORTH CAROLINA PRICES RECEIVED INDEX

The September 2003 "All Farm Products" index of prices received by North Carolina farmers, at 264% of its 1967 base, was up 10 points from a month earlier. Contributing most to the increase were higher prices for tobacco, soybeans and hogs. The index was 27 points above a year earlier.

The September 2003 "All Crops" index, at 263, was up 6 points from the previous month and was 7 points above a year earlier. The "Livestock and Livestock Products" index for September 2003, at 265, was up 17 points from the previous month and was 62 points above the previous year.

The meat animals index for September 2003, at 281, was up 14 points from the previous month and was 83 points above a year ago. The poultry index, at 259, was up 9 points from the previous month and was 56 points above a year earlier. The dairy index, at 262, was up 45 points from a month earlier and was 50 points above a year ago.

FARM PRICES INDEX NUMBERS

INDEX (1967 = 100)	Sept. 15 2001[1]	Sept. 15 2002[1]	Aug. 15 2003[1]	Sept. 15 2003
NORTH CAROLINA				
Prices Received: All Farm Products	256	237	254	264
All Crops	259	256	257	263
Tobacco	286	277	274	285
Oil Bearing	202	187	216	227
Grains	158	205	207	177
Commercial Vegetables	196	225	207	207
Fruits	342	312	312	312
Livestock and Livestock Products	252	203	248	265
Meat Animals	281	198	267	281
Poultry	223	203	250	259
Dairy	293	212	217	262
UNITED STATES				
Prices Received, All Farm Products	270	249	277	278
Prices Paid, Commodities & Services [2]	[4]	[4]	[4]	[4]
Parity Ratio [3]	[4]	[4]	[4]	[4]

[1] Revised. [2] Including Interest, Taxes and Farm Wage Rates. [3] Ratio of Index of Prices Received by Farmers to Index of Prices Paid. [4] Available quarterly following February 1986 Survey.

N.C. BURLEY TOBACCO DOWN, U.S. UP

The North Carolina burley tobacco yield is forecast at 1,400 pounds per acre, and production is forecast to total 8.4 million pounds. This represents no change from last month's forecast, but is 100 pounds per acre less than last year. Harvested acres are at 6,000, down 300 acres from last year.

U.S. burley production is expected to total 303 million pounds, up 4% from the September 1 forecast and 1% higher than last year. Yields are expected to average 2,033 pound per acre, 86 pounds above the September forecast and up 141 pounds from 2002. Burley growers plan to harvest 149,200 acres, down 6% from a year ago.

PEANUT PROSPECTS BELOW LAST MONTH

Peanut grower's prospects for the State decreased by 100 pounds per acre from last month, producing a yield of 2,800 pounds per acre. This yield is 700 pounds per acre more than last year's estimate. Production on October 1 is forecast at 280 million pounds, down 10 million pounds from last month's estimate, but up 33% from 2002. Harvested area, at 100,000 acres, is the same as last year's estimate.

U.S. peanut production is estimated at 3.95 billion pounds, down 1% from the September 1 forecast, but 19% above 2002. Yield is expected to average 3,095 pounds per harvested acre, 26 pounds below last month, but up 534 pounds from 2002. Area for harvest is expected to total 1.28 million acres, unchanged from September, but down 2% from 2002. Virginia-North Carolina production is forecast at 372 million pounds, down 3% from last month, but up 13% from 2002. Yield per harvested acre in the two-state region is expected to average 2800 pounds, down 75 pounds from September, but 700 pounds above last year. Area for harvest is expected to total 133,000 acres, unchanged from last month, but down 15% from the previous year.

N.C. APPLE PRODUCTION DOWN, U.S. UP

North Carolina's apple production prospects declined 7% from the August forecast to 130 million pounds. This is 19% below last year's total production of 160 million pounds.

The estimate of the 2003 U.S. apple crop stands at 9.35 billion pounds, up 1% from the August 1 forecast and 9% above 2002. Production increases in the Eastern and Central States more than offset decreases in the Western States.

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MILK PRODUCTION DOWN

Milk production in North Carolina totaled 243 million pounds during the July-September 2003 quarter, down 10% from a year earlier. The number of milk cows on Tar Heel farms was estimated at 60,000 head, down 4,000 from a year ago. Milk per cow averaged 4,050 pounds, a decrease of 169 pounds from the July-September 2002 quarter.

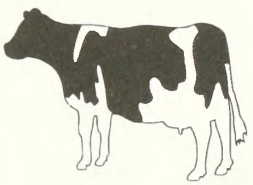
U.S. July-September quarterly production of milk totaled 41.5 billion pounds, down nearly 1% from the July-September quarter a year ago. The average number of milk cows in the U.S. during the July-September quarter was 9.07 million, down 88,000 head from the same period a year earlier.

Nationally, milk production in the 20 major states during September 2003 totaled 11.6 billion pounds, down slightly from a year ago. Production per cow averaged 1,503 pounds for September, up 6 pounds from the previous year. The number of cows on farms in the 20 major states was 7.74 million head, down 38,000 from a year ago.

MILK PRODUCTION: JULY - SEPTEMBER

STATE	MILK COWS [1]		MILK PER COW [2]		MILK PRODUCTION [3]		
	2002	2003	2002	2003	Pounds 2002	Pounds 2003	2003 as % Of 2002
	Thousands		*Pounds*		*Millions*		*Percent*
N. Carolina	**64**	**60**	**4,219**	**4,050**	**270**	**243**	**90**
Florida	149	140	3,483	3,364	519	471	91
Maryland	81	78	4,000	3,897	324	304	94
S. Carolina	20	18	4,000	3,611	80	65	81
Virginia	119	113	3,765	3,540	448	400	89
UNITED STATES	9,153	9,065	4,566	4,582	41,791	41,540	99

[1] Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. [2] Milk per cow is derived. [3] Excludes milk sucked by calves.



EGG PRODUCTION DOWN

North Carolina laying flocks produced 201 million eggs during September 2003, down 1% from a year earlier. Production consisted of 80 million table eggs and 121 million hatching eggs. Table eggs were up 4%, while hatching eggs decreased 4% from a year ago. The average number of layers on hand during September was 10.4 million, down 2% from a year earlier. This number consisted of 3.4 million layers for table eggs and 7.0 million for broiler-type and egg-type hatching eggs.

U.S. egg production totaled 7.05 billion during September 2003, down 1% from a year ago. Production included 6.04 billion table eggs and 1.02 billion hatching eggs, of which 961 million were broiler-type and 55 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during September 2003 averaged 332 million, down 2% from a year earlier. September 2003 egg production per 100 layers was 2,127 eggs, up slightly from the 2,119 eggs in September 2002.

All layers in the U.S. on October 1, 2003 totaled 331 million, down 2% from a year ago. The 331 million layers consisted of 274 million layers producing table or commercial type eggs, 54.8 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.35 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Daily rate of lay on October 1, 2003, averaged 71.2 eggs per 100 layers, up 1% from a year ago.

EGG PRODUCTION - SEPTEMBER

STATE	LAYERS ON HAND		TOTAL EGGS PRODUCED		TABLE EGGS		HATCHING EGGS	
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003
	Thousands		*Million Eggs*					
North Carolina	**10,692**	**10,442**	**203**	**201**	**77**	**80**	**126**	**121**
Alabama	9,989	9,568	187	179	50	48	137	131
Florida	10,654	10,852	226	231	213	223	13	8
Georgia	20,237	19,735	408	402	237	236	171	166
South Carolina	5,319	5,322	113	116	95	97	18	19
UNITED STATES	337,264	331,659	7,147	7,054	6,100	6,038	1,046	1,016

TURKEY EGGS AND PLACEMENTS DOWN

Nationally, turkey eggs in incubators on October 1, 2003, totaled 28.1 million, down 4% from a year earlier. Eggs in incubators were down 1% from the September 1 total of 28.4 million. The 22.2 million poults placed during September 2003 in the United States were down 2% from the number placed during the same month a year ago. Placements were down 8% from the August 2003 total of 24.0 million. Regional placement percent changes from the previous year were: N & S Atlantic, up slightly; E N Central, up 2%; W N Central, up 4%; S Central, down 17%; and West, down 28%.

TURKEY HATCHERY - OCTOBER 1

GEOGRAPHIC DIVISION	EGGS IN INCUBATORS OCTOBER 1			POULTS PLACED DURING SEPTEMBER [1]		
	2002	2003	2003 as % of 2002	2002	2003	2003 as % of 2002
	Thousands		*Percent*	*Thousands*		*Percent*
North & South Atlantic	**8,767**	**8,506**	**97**	**6,581**	**6,608**	**100**
East North Central	4,961	4,437	89	3,487	3,565	102
West North Central	11,295	11,247	100	8,475	8,796	104
South Central	2,529	2,342	93	2,116	1,758	83
West	1,678	1,612	96	2,011	1,450	72
UNITED STATES	29,230	28,144	96	22,670	22,177	98

[1] Regional placements refer to poults placed from hatcheries located in that region, and not the actual location of the birds after placement.

CHICKEN EGGS IN INCUBATORS - OCTOBER 1

GEOGRAPHIC DIVISION	BROILER-TYPE			EGG-TYPE		
	2002	2003	2003 as % of 2002	2002	2003	2003 as % of 2002
	Thousands		*Percent*	*Thousands*		*Percent*
South Atlantic	**218,782**	**218,252**	**100**	**3,739**	**2,406**	**64**
North Atlantic	10,885	11,329	104	4,553	5,398	119
East North Central	7,549	8,105	107	5,500	5,899	107
West North Central	17,708	20,763	117	6,299	6,791	108
South Central	314,577	322,240	102	5,241	4,760	91
West	20,621	19,801	96	4,549	4,851	107
UNITED STATES	590,122	600,490	102	29,881	30,105	101

RED MEAT PRODUCTION UP

Commercial red meat production in **North Carolina** during September 2003 totaled 176 million pounds dressed weight, up 1% from a year earlier. Commercial red meat production includes slaughter in federally inspected and other plants, but excludes animals slaughtered on farms. Commercial slaughter of livestock in North Carolina during September 2003 totaled 241 million pounds live weight, up 2% from a year earlier. Cattle slaughter, at 20 million pounds live weight, were 19% above a year earlier. Calf slaughter, at 64,000 pounds live weight, was up 12% from the previous year. Hog slaughter, at 220 million pounds live weight, was up slightly from a year earlier. Sheep and lamb slaughter, at 54,000 pounds live weight, was well above the 5,000 pounds the previous year. The average live weight per head was: cattle, 1,080 pounds; calves, 462 pounds; hogs, 249 pounds; sheep and lambs, 103 pounds.

Commercial red meat production for the **United States** during September 2003 totaled 4.01 billion pounds dressed weight, up 3% from September 2002.

Beef production in the U.S. totaled 2.31 billion pounds dressed weight, a monthly record high and up 5% from the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 3.12 million head, up 9% from a year earlier. The average live weight decreased 36 pounds to 1,227. **Veal production** totaled 15.4 million pounds dressed weight, down 6% from the previous year. Calf slaughter totaled 82,600 head, down 7% from September 2002. The average live weight increased 5 pounds to 308. **Pork production** totaled 1.66 billion pounds dressed weight, a monthly record high and up 2% from a year earlier. Hog kill totaled 8.55 million head, up 1% from September 2002. The average live weight increased 3 pounds to 263. **Lamb and mutton production**, at 17 million pounds dressed weight, was down 4% from the previous year. Sheep slaughter totaled 256,300 head, down 7% from a year earlier. The average live weight increased 3 pounds to 131.

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER - SEPTEMBER

SPECIES	NORTH CAROLINA				UNITED STATES					
	Number Slaughtered [1]		Total Live Weight		Number Slaughtered [1]		Total Live Weight		Total Dressed Weight [2]	
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003
	Thous. Head		*Thous. Pounds*		*Million Head*		*Million Pounds*		*Million Pounds*	
Cattle	16.4	19.0	17,284	20,482	2.9	3.1	3,620	3,833	2,201	2,312
Calves	0.1	0.1	57	64	0.1	0.1	27	25	16	15
Sheep & Lambs	0.1	0.5	5	54	0.3	0.3	35	34	18	17
Hogs	869.7	881.8	219,023	220,020	8.5	8.6	2,216	2,246	1,638	1,664
TOTAL	886.3	901.4	236,369	240,620	11.8	12.1	5,898	6,138	3,873	4,008

[1] Includes slaughter under Federal inspection and other commercial slaughter, excludes farm slaughter.
[2] Totals may not equal sum due to rounding.

BROILER HATCH DOWN

North Carolina commercial hatcheries produced 59.2 million broiler-type chicks during September 2003, down 6% from the 63.2 million a year ago.

Nationally, the September 2003 hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 739 million, was down slightly from the previous year. There were 600 million eggs in incubators on October 1, 2003, up 2% from a year earlier. Leading breeders placed 6.7 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during September 2003, down slightly from September 2002.

EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED UP

Nationally, egg-type chicks hatched during September 2003 totaled 35.8 million, up slightly from September 2002. Eggs in incubators totaled 30.1 million on October 1, 2003, up 1% from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 269,000 during September 2003, down 3% from September 2002.

CHICKS HATCHED - SEPTEMBER

STATE	EGG-TYPE		
	2002	2003	2003 as % of 2002
	Thousands		*Percent*
Arkansas	794	836	105
Florida	550	596	108
Georgia	2,248	2,371	105
Indiana	4,843	5,247	108
Iowa	5,302	6,365	120
Minnesota	1,662	1,108	67
Pennsylvania	4,381	5,308	121
Other States [1]	15,954	13,946	87
UNITED STATES	35,734	35,777	100

[1] Not published separately to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

CHICKS HATCHED - SEPTEMBER

STATE	BROILER-TYPE		
	2002	2003	2003 as % of 2002
	Thousands		*Percent*
North Carolina	**63,156**	**59,203**	**94**
Alabama	102,721	103,395	101
Arkansas	104,631	107,587	103
Delaware	12,110	13,431	111
Florida	7,827	4,801	61
Georgia	110,622	113,179	102
Kentucky	23,318	24,135	104
Louisiana	13,260	13,212	100
Maryland	34,012	32,131	94
Mississippi	66,572	67,410	101
Oklahoma	23,513	21,767	93
Pennsylvania	12,717	12,322	97
South Carolina	17,008	15,584	92
Texas	51,600	51,636	100
Virginia	22,262	22,309	100
California, Missouri, Tennessee & West Virginia	55,534	56,434	102
19 STATES [1]	720,863	718,536	100
Other States [2]	19,533	20,655	106
UNITED STATES	740,396	739,191	100

[1] States in the weekly hatchery production estimating program are those listed above. [2] Not published separately to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

CATTLE ON FEED DOWN

Nationally, cattle and calves on feed October 1, 2003 in feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head for slaughter totaled 10.2 million head, down 2% from a year ago. The inventory included 6.24 million steers and steer calves, down slightly from the previous year. This group accounted for 61% of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 3.91 million head, down 4% from 2002

Placements in feedlots during September totaled 2.47 million, up 13% from a year ago and 16% above two years ago. Net placements were 2.41 million. During September, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 698,000; 600-699 pounds were 545,000; 700-799 pounds were 610,000; and 800 pounds and over were 621,000 head.

Marketings of fed cattle during September 2003 totaled 2.03 million, up 10% from 2002 and 11% above two years ago. Other disappearance totaled 63,000 head during September, up 19% from the previous year and 37% above two years ago.

CATTLE ON FEED: NUMBER ON FEED, 1,000 + Capacity Feedlots [1]

STATE	OCTOBER 1, 2002	SEPTEMBER 1, 2003	OCTOBER 1, 2003	
			NUMBER	2003 as % of 2002
		1,000 Head		*Percent*
Arizona	288	274	275	95
California	495	490	485	98
Colorado	1,030	900	950	92
Idaho	280	245	270	96
Iowa	315	300	310	98
Kansas	2,280	2,250	2,300	101
Nebraska	1,960	1,660	1,830	93
New Mexico	113	121	123	109
Oklahoma	330	345	350	106
S Dakota	150	134	145	97
Texas	2,720	2,700	2,720	100
Washington	170	180	190	112
Other States	285	235	265	93
UNITED STATES	10,416	9,834	10,213	98

[1] Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

COTTON GINNINGS: Running Bales Ginned (Excluding Linters) Prior to October 15, by Crop, State and United States, Crop Years 2000-2003

CROP AND STATE	Running Bales Ginned			
	2000	2001	2002	2003
ALL COTTON				
North Carolina	**127,150**	**124,250**	**116,850**	**19,950**
Alabama	211,100	120,450	112,650	118,500
Arizona	152,800	111,550	109,150	74,300
Arkansas	675,900	638,700	348,100	384,100
California	251,000	190,450	157,950	35,450
Florida	20,800	16,500	[1]	12,950
Georgia	198,250	256,150	248,300	228,050
Louisiana	648,500	415,650	266,650	514,300
Mississippi	1,068,800	764,750	573,900	872,700
Missouri	258,400	225,750	126,300	89,300
New Mexico	12,500	9,000	[1]	1,000
Oklahoma	50,600	12,850	30,450	13,950
South Carolina	64,000	60,550	18,350	14,200
Tennessee	411,400	319,450	170,950	145,050
Texas	1,775,050	1,342,100	1,217,550	1,303,200
Virginia	4,550	8,150	12,650	0
UNITED STATES	5,930,800	4,616,300	3,519,550	3,827,000
AMERICAN-PIMA				
Arizona	[1]	[1]	3,000	[1]
California	20,150	11,650	15,000	[1]
New Mexico	[1]	[1]	[1]	[1]
Texas	1,100	[1]	[1]	250
UNITED STATES	23,200	16,200	19,850	7,500

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CROP HARVEST AIDED BY DRIER CONDITIONS

As of November 1, harvest of cotton, sorghum, and soybeans continued to lag behind the five year averages due to the high moisture levels experienced during August and September. The wet conditions also delayed the seeding of small grains. However, drier conditions in October enabled farmers to make good harvest progress. By the end of the month, peanuts, sweetpotatoes, and the third cutting of hay were 80% or more harvested. Most crop conditions were rated as good to fair.

CORN PRODUCTION UP, U.S. CROP LARGEST EVER

North Carolina's corn crop is estimated to total 70.4 million bushels, unchanged from last month's forecast, but 21% above last year. Yield per acre is forecast at 110 bushels per acre, 27 bushels more than 2002, but 15 bushels below 2001. Harvested acres are estimated at 640,000, down 60,000 acres from a year ago.

U.S. corn production is forecast at 10.3 billion bushels, up 1% from last month and 14% above 2002. Based on conditions as of November 1, yields are expected to average 143.2 bushels per acre, up 1.0 bushel from October and up 13.2 bushels from last year. If realized, both production and yield will break the previous highs set in 1994.

N.C. COTTON PRODUCTION UP, RECORD U.S. YIELD PREDICTED

Cotton production is forecast at 1.1 million bales, up 10% from last month's estimate and 36% more than last year's drought-reduced crop. Growers expect to harvest 770,000 acres, 150,000 acres less than last year. This is the lowest harvested acreage in the State since 1998. Yield per acre is expected to average 686 pounds for the 2003 crop, 265 pounds per acre more than last year, but 146 pounds below 2001's record yield of 832 pounds.

U.S. cotton production is forecast at 18.2 million bales, up 4% from October and up 6% from last year's production. Yield is expected to average a record high 722 pounds per harvested acre, up 26 pounds from last month. If realized, it will be 14 pounds above the previous record high yield established in 1994.

N.C. SOYBEAN PRODUCTION UP, U.S. LOWEST SINCE 1996

North Carolina's soybean crop is forecast to average 31 bushels per acre, up 1 bushel from last month's estimate. This compares with 24 bushels per acre last year and 32 bushels in 2001. Soybean harvested acres are expected to total 1.39 million. Production is forecast at 43.1 million bushels, up 39% from last year.

U.S. soybean production is forecast at 2.45 billion bushels, down 1% from the October forecast and 11% below 2002. If realized, this will be the lowest production since 1996. Based on conditions as of November 1, yields are expected to average 33.8 bushels per acre, down 0.2 bushel from October and 4.2 bushels below 2002.

PEANUT PROSPECTS IMPROVE

The state's peanut prospects increased by 200 pounds per acre from last month, producing a yield of 3,000 pounds per acre. This yield is 900 pounds per acre more than last year. As of November 1, production is forecast at 300 million pounds, up 20 million pounds from last month's estimate. Forecast production is 43% above 2002, but 16% below the 2001 crop. Harvested area, at 100,000 acres, was unchanged from last month's estimate and identical to last year's final peanut acres for harvest.

U.S. peanut production is estimated at 4.09 billion pounds, up 4% from the October 1 forecast and up 23% from 2002. Yield is expected to average 3,205 pounds per harvested acre, 110 pounds above last month and up 644 pounds from 2002. Record high yields are forecast for Georgia, Oklahoma, and South Carolina. Area for harvest is expected to total 1.28 million acres, unchanged from the October report, but down 2% from 2002.

The Virginia-North Carolina production is forecast at 396 million pounds, up 6% from October and up 20% from 2002. Area for harvest is expected to total 133,000 acres, unchanged from last month, but down 15% from the previous year. Yield is forecast at 2,975 pounds, up 175 pounds from October and up 875 pounds from last year. Peanut harvest in North Carolina on November 2 stood at 88% complete, 7% ahead of the 5-year average. Virginia harvest, at 96% complete, was the same as the 5-year average.

PEANUTS: ACRES, YIELD AND PRODUCTION, NOVEMBER 1, 2003

STATE	AREA HARVESTED		YIELD		PRODUCTION	
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003
	1,000 Acres		*Pounds*		*1,000 Pounds*	
North Carolina	**100.0**	**100.0**	**2,100**	**3,000**	**210,000**	**300,000**
Alabama	185.0	189.0	2,050	2,900	379,250	548,100
Florida	86.0	107.0	2,300	3,000	197,800	321,000
Georgia	505.0	535.0	2,600	3,400	1,313,000	1,819,000
New Mexico	18.0	17.0	3,000	2,900	54,000	49,300
Oklahoma	57.0	38.0	2,800	2,800	159,600	106,400
South Carolina	8.7	18.0	2,200	3,400	19,140	61,200
Texas	280.0	240.0	3,100	3,300	868,000	792,000
Virginia	57.0	33.0	2,100	2,900	119,700	95,700
United States	1,296.7	1,277.0	2,561	3,205	3,320,490	4,092,700

NORTH CAROLINA CROPS: ACRES, YIELD AND PRODUCTION, NOVEMBER 1, 2003

CROPS	UNIT	NORTH CAROLINA					
		ACRES HARVESTED		YIELD		PRODUCTION	
		2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003
		Thousands				*Thousands*	
Barley [1]	Bu.	20	14	69	56	1,380	784
Corn, grain	Bu.	700	640	83	110	58,100	70,400
Cotton, Upland [2]	Lb.	920	770	421	686	806	1,100
Hay, Other [1]	Ton	730	760	1.5	2.8	1,095	2,128
Irish Potatoes [1]	Cwt.	21	17	170	165	3,570	2,805
Oats [1]	Bu.	35	22	57	59	1,995	1,298
Peanuts	Lb.	100	100	2,100	3,000	210,000	300,000
Soybeans	Bu.	1,290	1,390	24	31	30,960	43,090
Tobacco:							
Flue-cured [1]	Lb.	162	154	2,089	1,968	338,470	303,000
Type 11 [1]	Lb.	43	40	2,225	1,900	95,675	76,000
Type 12 [1]	Lb.	98	94	2,020	2,000	197,960	188,000
Type 13 [1]	Lb.	21	20	2,135	1,950	44,835	39,000
Burley [1]	Lb.	6.3	6.0	1,500	1,400	9,450	8,400
All [1]	Lb.	168.3	160.0	2,067	1,946	347,920	311,400
Wheat, Winter [1]	Bu.	480	410	42	36	20,160	14,760
FRUIT:		*Actual Acres*					
Apples [1 3]	Lb.	7,000	[4]	22,900	[4]	160,000	130,000
Grapes [1 3]	Ton	850	[4]	2.7	[4]	2.3	2.8
Peaches [1 3]	Lb.	1,200	[4]	8,330	[4]	10,000	9,000
Pecans [1]	Lb.	[5]	[5]	[5]	[5]	1,900	2,500
		UNITED STATES					
		Thousands				*Millions*	
Barley [1]	Bu.	4,129	4,688	54.9	58.9	226.1	276.1
Corn, grain	Bu	69,313	71,765	130.0	143.2	9,007.7	10,277.9
Cotton, All [2]	Lb.	12,427	12,107	665	722	17.2	18.2
Hay: Alfalfa [1 6]	Ton	23,135	23,541	3.19	3.34	73.8	78.5
Other [1]	Ton	41,362	40,838	1.86	2.01	77.1	82.2
All [1]	Ton	64,497	64,379	2.34	2.50	151.0	160.7
Peanuts	Lb.	1,297	1,277	2,561	3,205	3,320.5	4,092.7
Oats [1]	Bu.	2,093	2,224	56.7	65.0	118.6	144.6
Sorghum, grain	Bu.	7,299	7,851	50.7	51.0	369.8	400.0
Soybeans	Bu.	72,437	72,538	38.0	33.8	2,749.3	2,451.8
Tobacco:							
Flue-cured [1]	Lb.	245.6	238.3	2,105	1,998	517.0	476.1
Burley [1]	Lb.	158.6	149.2	1,892	2,033	300.1	303.3
All [1]	Lb.	428.7	413.0	2,055	2,044	880.7	844.3
Wheat, Winter [1]	Bu.	29,751	36,541	38.5	46.7	1,145.6	1,707.1
FRUIT:							
Apples [1 3]	Lb.	401.0	[4]	21,300	[4]	8,555.6	9,351.6
Grapes [1 3]	Ton	948.7	[4]	7.76	[4]	7.4	6.8
Peaches [1 3]	Lb.	152.4	[4]	16,900	[4]	2,575.4	2,618.1
Pecans [1]	Lb.	[5]	[5]	[5]	[5]	172.9	281.9

[1] Estimate carried forward from earlier forecast. [2] Production in 480-lb bales. [3] Total production. [4] Released January, 2004. [5] Not estimated. [6] Includes alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures.

PEANUT STOCKS DOWN

Peanut stocks in commercial storage on September 30, 2003 in the United States were down 20% from last year and totaled 895 million pounds of equivalent farmer stock, compared to 1.12 billion pounds last year. This total includes 506 million pounds of actual farmer stock.

Shelled peanuts on hand totaled 372 million pounds of farmer stock equivalent. Roasting stock totaled 17 million pounds. There were 1.62 million pounds of Commodity Credit Corporation uncommitted stocks on hand as of September 30, 2003.

Shelled peanut stocks totaled 280 million pounds of which 267 million pounds were edible grades and 13 million pounds were oil stocks. Edible grade stocks by type were 45.9 million pounds of Virginias, 208 million pounds of Runners, and 13.1 million pounds of Spanish.

NORTH CAROLINA PRICES RECEIVED INDEX

The October 2003 "All Farm Products" index of prices received by North Carolina farmers, at 267% of its 1967 base, was up 2 points from a month earlier. Contributing most to the increase was higher prices for tobacco, soybeans, and eggs. The index was 28 points above a year earlier.

The October 2003 "All Crops" index, at 269, was up 3 points from the previous month and was 8 points above a year earlier. The "Livestock and Livestock Products" index for October 2003, at 263, was down 1 point from the previous month, but was 63 points above the previous year.

The meat animals index for October 2003, at 268, was down 8 points from the previous month, but was 54 points above a year ago. The poultry index, at 264, was up 5 points from the previous month and was 75 points above a year earlier. The dairy index, at 253, was down 9 points from a month earlier, but was 42 points above a year ago.

FARM PRICES INDEX NUMBERS

INDEX (1967 = 100)	Oct. 15 2001 [1]	Oct. 15 2002 [1]	Sept. 15 2003 [1]	Oct. 15 2003
NORTH CAROLINA				
Prices Received: All Farm Products	254	239	265	267
All Crops	258	261	266	269
Tobacco	289	282	286	289
Oil Bearing	182	194	239	246
Grains	160	212	180	178
Commercial Vegetables	196	225	207	207
Fruits	342	312	312	312
Livestock and Livestock Products	247	200	264	263
Meat Animals	254	214	276	268
Poultry	226	189	259	264
Dairy	300	211	262	253
UNITED STATES				
Prices Received, All Farm Products	240	242	280	287
Prices Paid, Commodities & Services [2]	481	490	[4]	507
Parity Ratio [3]	50	49	[4]	57

[1] Revised. [2] Including Interest, Taxes and Farm Wage Rates. [3] Ratio of Index of Prices Received by Farmers to Index of Prices Paid. [4] Available quarterly.

PRICES RECEIVED FOR SELECTED NORTH CAROLINA COMMODITIES

The average price received for tobacco by North Carolina farmers in October 2003 was $1.895 per pound, up 1.5 cents from the previous month and 4.5 cents above a year ago. The October corn price, at $2.43 per bushel, was down 3 cents from the previous month and was 49 cents below the previous year. The October soybean price, at $6.90 per bushel, was up 33 cents from the previous month and was $1.49 above a year earlier.

Prices received for all hogs in October, at $38.80 per hundredweight, were down $2.50 from September, but were $8.00 above a year ago. The average price for table eggs, at 70 cents per dozen, increased 5.5 cents from September and is unusually high for October due to strong domestic demand for shell eggs. The October price was 39 cents above the previous year.

PRICES RECEIVED

COMMODITY	UNIT	NORTH CAROLINA			UNITED STATES		
		Oct. 2002	Sept. 2003	Oct. 2003	Oct. 2002	Sept. 2003	Oct. 2003
		Entire Month	*Entire Month*	*Mid Month*	*Entire Month*	*Entire Month*	*Mid Month*
				Dollars			
Tobacco, All [1]	Lb.	1.850	1.880	1.895	1.850	1.880	1.890
Corn	Bu.	2.92	2.46	2.43	2.34	2.20	2.02
Cotton	Lb.	.384	-	-	.394	.557	.614
Soybeans	Bu.	5.41	6.57	6.90	5.20	6.06	6.94
Peanuts, In Shell	Lb.	-	-	-	.179	.183	.177
Hogs, All	Cwt.	30.80	41.30	38.80	30.80	39.60	37.70
Com'l Broilers, Live [2]	Lb.	-	-	-	.270	.370	.370
Turkeys, Live [2 3]	Lb.	-	-	-	.372	.357	.386
Eggs [3 4]	Doz.	.310	.645	.700	.351	.634	.703
Milk, All [2]	Cwt.	-	-	-	12.10	14.40	14.80
Potatoes	Cwt.	-	-	-	5.44	4.93	4.49
Apples, Com'l. [1]	Lb.	-	-	-	.301	.251	.273
Hay, All, Baled [3]	Ton	-	-	-	93.80	84.20	84.40

[1] Entire month. [2] North Carolina monthly estimates discontinued. [3] Mid month. [4] Market (Table) eggs including eggs sold retail by producers.

COTTON GINNINGS: Running Bales Ginned (Excluding Linters) Prior to November 1 , by Crop, State and United States, Crop Years 2000-2003

CROP AND STATE	Running Bales Ginned			
	2000	2001	2002	2003
ALL COTTON				
North Carolina	**408,650**	**444,900**	**275,900**	**208,100**
Alabama	344,100	287,400	234,150	301,600
Arizona	244,450	216,400	214,500	147,000
Arkansas	1,131,900	1,089,000	832,700	928,650
California	784,050	667,700	584,000	365,950
Florida	45,250	45,950	16,800	41,450
Georgia	535,800	666,700	478,500	607,350
Louisiana	825,250	706,600	474,400	823,850
Mississippi	1,510,750	1,345,400	1,051,050	1,446,600
Missouri	423,250	407,300	309,000	261,150
New Mexico	27,000	23,400	8,800	13,050
Oklahoma	78,100	56,500	59,750	50,050
South Carolina	151,100	166,600	34,750	70,250
Tennessee	613,500	566,300	403,000	369,500
Texas	2,027,950	2,069,900	1,689,000	1,743,900
Virginia	38,250	46,300	30,350	17,200
UNITED STATES	9,189,350	8,806,350	6,696,650	7,395,650
AMERICAN-PIMA				
Arizona	[1]	[1]	[1]	[1]
California	78,700	85,950	90,200	[1]
New Mexico	[1]	[1]	[1]	6,500
Texas	6,400	[1]	[1]	[1]
UNITED STATES	89,600	99,900	104,600	59,350

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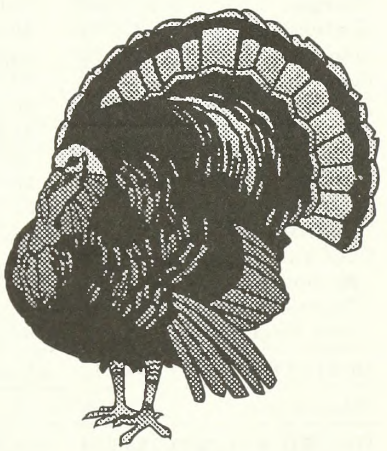
TURKEY EGGS AND PLACEMENTS DOWN

Nationally, turkey eggs in incubators on November 1, 2003 totaled 29.8 million, down 2% from a year ago. Eggs in incubators were up 6% from the October 1, 2003 total of 28.1 million. The 22.9 million poults placed during October 2003 in the United States were down 4% from the number placed during the same month a year ago. Placements were up 3% from the September 2003 total of 22.2 million. Regional placement percent changes from the previous year were: N & S Atlantic, down 6%; E N Central, down 13%; W N Central, up 1%; S Central, down 3%; and West, down 4%.

TURKEY HATCHERY - NOVEMBER 1

GEOGRAPHIC DIVISION	EGGS IN INCUBATORS NOVEMBER 1			POULTS PLACED DURING OCTOBER [1]		
	2002	2003	2003 as % of 2002	2002	2003	2003 as % of 2002
	Thousands		*Percent*	*Thousands*		*Percent*
North & South Atlantic	**9,719**	**9,564**	**98**	**7,536**	**7,091**	**94**
East North Central	4,851	4,534	93	3,853	3,359	87
West North Central	10,706	11,362	106	9,082	9,215	101
South Central	3,013	2,447	81	2,003	1,934	97
West	2,096	1,925	92	1,337	1,280	96
UNITED STATES	30,385	29,832	98	23,811	22,879	96

[1] Regional placements refer to poults placed from hatcheries located in that region, and not the actual location of the birds after placement.



EGG PRODUCTION DOWN

North Carolina laying flocks produced 211 million eggs during October 2003, down slightly from a year earlier. Production consisted of 83 million table eggs and 128 million hatching eggs. Table eggs were up 2% while hatching eggs decreased 2% from a year ago. The average number of layers on hand during October was 10.6 million, down 1% from a year earlier. This number consisted of 3.5 million layers for table eggs and 7.1 million for broiler-type and egg-type hatching eggs.

U.S. egg production totaled 7.39 billion during October 2003, down slightly from a year ago. Production included 6.34 billion table eggs and 1.06 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.0 billion were broiler-type and 57 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during October 2003 averaged 333 million, down 1% from a year earlier. October 2003 egg production per 100 layers was 2,218 eggs, up 1% from October 2002.

All layers in the U.S. on November 1, 2003 totaled 335 million, down 1% from a year ago. The 335 million layers consisted of 277 million layers producing table or commercial type eggs, 54.7 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.48 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Daily rate of lay on November 1, 2003 averaged 71.9 eggs per 100 layers, up 1% from a year ago.

EGG PRODUCTION - OCTOBER

STATE	LAYERS ON HAND		TOTAL EGGS PRODUCED		TABLE EGGS		HATCHING EGGS	
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003
	Thousands		*Million Eggs*					
North Carolina	**10,725**	**10,576**	**212**	**211**	**81**	**83**	**131**	**128**
Alabama	9,816	9,436	189	183	52	48	137	135
Florida	10,826	10,926	237	246	226	237	11	9
Georgia	20,330	20,200	428	432	249	259	179	173
South Carolina	5,308	5,408	120	120	101	101	19	19
UNITED STATES	338,159	333,251	7,412	7,392	6,345	6,335	1,067	1,057

N. C. BROILER HATCH DOWN
UNITED STATES UP

North Carolina commercial hatcheries produced 60 million broiler-type chicks during October 2003, down 2% from a year ago.

Nationally, the October 2003 hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 735 million, was up 2% from the previous year. There were 588 million eggs in incubators on November 1, 2003, up 2% from a year earlier. Leading breeders placed 6.5 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during October 2003, up 4% from October 2002.

CHICKS HATCHED - OCTOBER

STATE	BROILER-TYPE		
	2002	2003	2003 as % of 2002
	Thousands		*Percent*
North Carolina	**61,273**	**60,023**	**98**
Alabama	100,667	101,931	101
Arkansas	103,526	108,555	105
Delaware	11,767	12,770	109
Florida	8,080	4,977	62
Georgia	107,333	113,040	105
Kentucky	22,331	23,397	105
Louisiana	12,612	13,992	111
Maryland	33,068	30,669	93
Mississippi	64,973	65,873	101
Oklahoma	19,536	21,899	112
Pennsylvania	12,538	12,348	98
South Carolina	17,015	15,645	92
Texas	53,164	51,365	97
Virginia	21,216	22,395	106
California, Missouri, Tennessee & West Virginia	52,913	56,812	107
19 STATES [1]	702,012	715,691	102
Other States [2]	18,552	19,110	103
UNITED STATES	720,564	734,801	102

[1] States in the weekly hatchery production estimating program are those listed above. [2] Not published separately to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

CHICKS HATCHED - OCTOBER

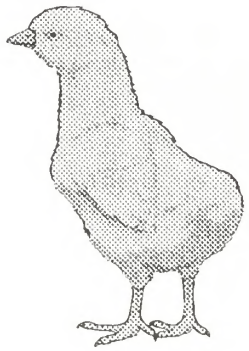
STATE	EGG-TYPE		
	2002	2003	2003 as % of 2002
	Thousands		*Percent*
Arkansas	733	777	106
Florida	606	685	113
Georgia	1,920	2,360	123
Indiana	4,204	4,756	113
Iowa	4,855	6,030	124
Minnesota	1,200	1,112	93
Pennsylvania	3,569	5,111	143
Other States [1]	15,062	14,168	94
UNITED STATES	32,149	34,999	109

[1] Not published separately to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED UP

Nationally, egg-type chicks hatched during October 2003 totaled 35 million, up 9% from October 2002. Eggs in incubators totaled 29.5 million on November 1, 2003, down 2% from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 306,000 during October 2003, up 65% from October 2002.



CHICKEN EGGS IN INCUBATORS - NOVEMBER 1

GEOGRAPHIC DIVISION	BROILER-TYPE			EGG-TYPE		
	2002	2003	2003 as % of 2002	2002	2003	2003 as % of 2002
	Thousands		*Percent*	*Thousands*		*Percent*
South Atlantic	**215,964**	**215,752**	**100**	**4,430**	**2,040**	**46**
North Atlantic	10,651	11,238	106	3,966	5,002	126
East North Central	7,875	8,212	104	6,458	5,715	88
West North Central	16,971	19,494	115	5,912	7,123	120
South Central	299,739	310,819	104	4,705	4,827	103
West	22,940	22,531	98	4,464	4,759	107
UNITED STATES	574,140	588,046	102	29,935	29,466	98

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER - OCTOBER

SPECIES	NORTH CAROLINA				UNITED STATES					
	Number Slaughtered [1]		Total Live Weight		Number Slaughtered [1]		Total Live Weight		Total Dressed Weight [2]	
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003
	Thous. Head		*Thous. Pounds*		*Million Head*		*Million Pounds*		*Million Pounds*	
Cattle	19.4	21.7	20,427	23,154	3.3	3.0	4,148	3,696	2,512	2,211
Calves	0.2	0.1	62	73	0.1	0.1	31	27	19	16
Sheep & Lambs	0.1	0.6	6	71	0.3	0.3	40	36	20	18
Hogs	950.6	1,041.7	239,841	265,520	9.4	9.6	2,483	2,576	1,831	1,909
TOTAL	970.3	1,064.1	260,336	288,818	13.1	13.0	6,702	6,335	4,382	4,154

[1] Includes slaughter under Federal inspection and other commercial slaughter, excludes farm slaughter. [2] Totals may not equal sum due to rounding.

U.S. HIRED WORKERS DOWN
N.C. and VA. UP

During the survey week of October 12-18, 2003, farms in the Appalachian I Region (North Carolina and Virginia) hired 45,000 workers. This is up from 42,000 hired in October of 2002, but seasonally down from the 53,000 estimated working in July 2003. The average wage rate for the Appalachian I region was $8.66, up $0.45 from October 2002.

There were 1.2 million hired workers on the Nation's farms and ranches during the week of October 12-18, down 1 percent from a year ago. There were 891,000 workers hired directly by farm operators. This compares with 940,000 workers hired directly by farm operators during the October 2002 survey week. Agricultural service employees on farms and ranches made up the remaining 306,000 workers in October 2003. Nationally, farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of $9.05 per hour during the October 2003 survey week, up $0.10 from October 2002.

WAGE RATES FOR HIRED WORKERS [1], October 12-18, 2003 WITH COMPARISONS [2]

Region [3]	Type of Work						Number of Hired Workers	
	Field		Livestock		All Hired [4]			
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003
	Dollars Per Hour						*Thousand*	
Appalachian I	7.57	8.19	8.00	7.92	8.21	8.66	42	45
Appalachian II	7.13	7.56	7.46	8.12	7.50	8.04	36	38
Southeast	7.30	7.90	8.25	7.84	8.18	8.26	33	38
United States [5]	8.34	8.42	8.42	8.64	8.95	9.05	940	891

[1] Excludes agricultural service workers [2] Survey period in 2002 was October 6-12 [3] Appalachian I: NC, VA; Appalachian II: KY, TN, WV; Southeast: AL, GA, SC [4] All Hired Workers includes supervisory and other workers. Piece rates not included [5] Excludes Alaska

U.S. INTENDED PLACEMENTS: EGG-TYPE PULLET CHICKS FOR HATCHERY SUPPLY FLOCKS [1]

MONTH	PULLET CHICKS HATCHED			2003 as % of	CUM. PLAC. RELATIVE TO CUR. SUPPLY FLOCKS 7-18 Months Earlier [2]		
	2001	2002	2003	2002	2002	2003	2004
	Thousands			*Percent*	*Thousands*		
January	236	228	198	87	3,158	2,974	2,974
February	214	247	221	89	3,205	2,916	2,918
March	284	237	315	133	3,239	2,886	2,881
April	311	295	276	94	3,225	2,944	2,873
May	315	319	279	87	3,134	2,980	2,993
June	261	221	305	138	3,087	2,946	
July	340	282	226	80	3,048	2,927	
August	251	221	184	83	3,040	2,897	
September	219	277	269	97	3,073	2,871	
October	150	186	306	165	3,026	2,949	
November	261	227			3,010	2,930	
December	206	187			3,014	2,890	
TOTAL	3,048	2,927					

[1] Reported by leading breeders. Coverage may not be 100 percent. Includes expected pullet chicks from eggs sold during the preceding month at the rate of 125 pullet chicks per 30 dozen case of eggs. [2] For October 2003, includes breeder pullet chicks hatched April 2002 through March 2003. The 7-18 months represent the first laying cycle. Molting and additional laying cycles will increase the cumulative potential placements.

N. C. RED MEAT PRODUCTION UP
UNITED STATES DOWN

Commercial red meat production in **North Carolina** during October 2003 totaled 212 million pounds dressed weight, up 11% from a year earlier. Commercial red meat production includes slaughter in federally inspected and other plants but excludes animals slaughtered on farms. Commercial slaughter of livestock in North Carolina during October 2003 totaled 289 million pounds live weight, up 11% from a year earlier. Cattle slaughter, at 23.2 million pounds live weight, was 13% above a year earlier. Calf slaughter, at 73,000 pounds live weight, was up 18% from the previous year. Hog slaughter, at 265.5 million pounds live weight, was up 11% from a year earlier. The average live weight per head was: cattle, 1,068 pounds; calves, 492 pounds; hogs, 255 pounds; sheep and lambs, 110 pounds.

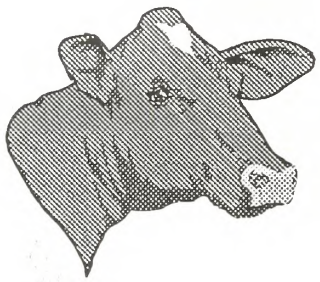
Commercial red meat production for the **United States** during October 2003 totaled 4.15 billion pounds dressed weight, down 5% from October 2002. **Beef production** in the U.S. totaled 2.21 billion pounds dressed weight, down 12% from the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 3.0 million head, down 8% from a year earlier. The average live weight decreased 39 pounds to 1,231. **Veal production** totaled 16.4 million pounds dressed weight, down 13% from the previous year and a record monthly low. Calf slaughter totaled 87,500 head, down 13% from October 2002. The average live weight was unchanged at 308 pounds. **Pork production** totaled 1.91 billion pounds dressed weight, up 4% from the previous year and a record monthly high. Hog kill totaled 9.64 million head, up 3% from October 2002. The average live weight increased 3 pounds to 267 pounds. **Lamb and mutton production**, at 18.0 million pounds dressed weight, was down 9% from the previous year. Sheep slaughter totaled 265,500 head, down 12% from a year earlier. The average live weight increased 3 pounds to 135 pounds.

CATTLE ON FEED UP

Nationally, cattle and calves on feed November 1, 2003 in feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head for slaughter totaled 11.0 million head, up 3% from the previous year, but 7% below November 1, 2001.

Placements in feedlots during October totaled 2.78 million, 16% above a year ago and 3% above 2001. Net placements were 2.68 million. During October 2003, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 1.02 million, 600-699 pounds were 796,000, 700-799 pounds were 508,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 454,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during October 2003 totaled 1.86 million, 6% below a year ago and 2% below 2001. Other disappearance totaled 101,000 head during October 2003, up 20% from the previous year and 49% above 2001.



CATTLE ON FEED: NUMBER ON FEED, 1,000 + Capacity Feedlots [1]

STATE	NOVEMBER 1, 2002	OCTOBER 1, 2003	NOVEMBER 1, 2003	
			NUMBER	2003 as % of 2002
	1,000 Head			*Percent*
Arizona	290	275	278	96
California	490	485	495	101
Colorado	1,060	950	1,050	99
Idaho	295	270	295	100
Iowa	335	310	350	104
Kansas	2,300	2,300	2,430	106
Nebraska	2,110	1,830	2,140	101
New Mexico	117	123	118	101
Oklahoma	340	350	350	103
S Dakota	170	145	177	104
Texas	2,730	2,720	2,840	104
Washington	185	190	195	105
Other States	320	265	320	100
UNITED STATES	10,742	10,213	11,038	103

[1] Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

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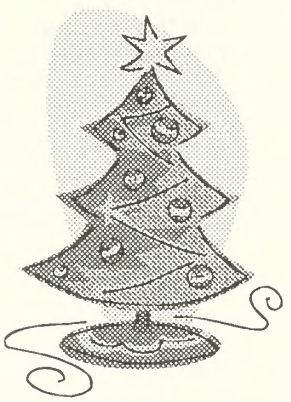
WET WEATHER HAMPERS FIELDWORK

As we approach the end of 2003, many North Carolina farmers have experienced a year of high moisture levels compared to 2002. This past month was no exception as wet conditions have hampered fieldwork throughout the State and has delayed small grain seedings and crop harvest. The majority of barley, oats and rye have been seeded and 94% of the wheat has been planted compared to 63% last year. Some small grain acreage may remain unplanted for the season due to moisture levels. Although the wet conditions have impacted this season's crops, seeding and harvest percentages are improved over last year at this time. Cotton and soybean harvests are 96% and 90% complete compared with 81% and 58% last year respectively. Most crop conditions are currently ranked as good to fair.



N.C. COTTON PRODUCTION UP, RECORD U.S. YIELD PREDICTED

Cotton production for the State is forecast at 1.1 million bales, unchanged from last month's estimate, but 36% more than last year's drought-reduced crop. Growers expect to harvest 770,000 acres, 150,000 acres less than last year. This is the lowest harvested acreage in the State since 1998. Yield per acre is expected to average 686 pounds for the 2003 crop, 265 pounds per acre more than last year, but 146 pounds below 2001's record yield of 832 pounds.

Nationwide, all cotton production is forecast at 18.2 million bales, unchanged from last month, but up 6% from last year. Yield is expected to average a record high 722 pounds per harvested acre, surpassing the previous record of 708 pounds set in 1994. Record high yields are expected in Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Tennessee. Harvested area, at 12.1 million acres, is unchanged from November, but 3% below 2002.

UPLAND COTTON, DECEMBER 1, 2003

STATE	AREA HARVESTED		YIELD PER ACRE		PRODUCTION [1]	
	2002	Indicated 2003	2002	Indicated 2003	2002	Indicated 2003
	Thousand Acres		*Pounds*		*Thousand Bales* [2]	
North Carolina	**920**	**770**	**421**	**686**	**806**	**1,100**
Alabama	540	510	507	772	570	820
Arizona	213	208	1,381	1,292	613	560
Arkansas	920	940	871	909	1,669	1,780
California	477	555	1,469	1,297	1,460	1,500
Georgia	1,360	1,290	557	800	1,578	2,150
Louisiana	495	520	717	942	739	1,020
Mississippi	1,150	1,100	808	916	1,935	2,100
Missouri	368	390	796	849	610	690
New Mexico	50	42	816	857	85	75
Oklahoma	180	170	557	536	209	190
South Carolina	200	217	314	730	131	330
Tennessee	530	535	741	772	818	860
Texas	4,500	4,400	538	458	5,040	4,200
Virginia	98	85	465	734	95	130
Other States [3]	183	207	452	645	172	278
United States	12,184	11,939	651	715	16,530	17,783

[1] Production ginned and to be ginned. [2] 480-lb. net weight bales. [3] Other States include FL and KS. Individual State level forecasts will be published in the "Crop Production 2003 Summary".

COTTON GINNINGS HIGHER

As of December 1, 729,500 bales of cotton had been ginned in the State. The harvest was about 85% complete on December 1.

U.S. cotton ginnings totaled 13.5 million on December 1 compared to 12.4 million last year at the same time.

COTTON GINNINGS: Running Bales Ginned (Excluding Linters) Prior to December 1, by Crop, State and United States, Crop Years 2000-2003

CROP AND STATE	Running Bales Ginned			
	2000	2001	2002	2003
ALL COTTON				
North Carolina	**969,950**	**1,080,250**	**578,150**	**729,500**
Alabama	467,850	641,950	427,000	627,850
Arizona	414,500	431,250	397,300	290,450
Arkansas	1,384,950	1,715,000	1,501,150	1,609,150
California	1,744,800	1,521,450	1,326,750	1,118,150
Florida	76,550	105,600	44,900	96,800
Georgia	1,193,700	1,518,150	1,029,400	1,427,900
Kansas	[1]	[1]	[1]	16,500
Louisiana	914,350	1,019,550	716,800	1,023,500
Mississippi	1,667,100	2,127,550	1,691,850	1,983,700
Missouri	499,100	635,050	534,750	580,950
New Mexico	49,750	53,500	34,850	36,000
Oklahoma	121,900	130,100	132,650	117,450
South Carolina	296,150	344,950	82,300	209,600
Tennessee	685,450	903,400	723,250	739,350
Texas	3,023,450	3,207,900	3,084,200	2,790,750
Virginia	109,550	128,500	62,350	79,600
UNITED STATES	13,619,100	15,564,150	12,367,650	13,477,200
AMERICAN-PIMA				
Arizona	4,750	8,900	10,100	[2]
California	201,350	240,050	258,050	202,050
New Mexico	2,500	8,850	9,500	[2]
Texas	18,050	22,850	20,450	23,750
UNITED STATES	226,650	280,650	298,100	234,550

[1] December 1 estimates began in 2003. [2] Not published to avoid disclosing individual gins.

PEANUT STOCKS UP

Peanut stocks in commercial storage on October 31, 2003 in the United States were up 13% from last year and totaled 2.23 billion pounds of equivalent farmer stock, compared to 1.98 billion pounds last year. This total includes 1.79 billion pounds of actual farmer stock.

Shelled peanuts on hand totaled 415 million pounds of farmer stock equivalent. Roasting stock totaled 27.9 million pounds. There were no Commodity Credit Corporation uncommitted stocks on hand as of October 31, 2003.

Shelled peanut stocks totaled 312 million pounds of which 299 million pounds were edible grades and 12.9 million pounds were oil stocks. Edible grade stocks by type were 50.9 million pounds of Virginias, 231 million pounds of Runners, and 16.8 million pounds of Spanish.

Commercial Processor utilized 148 million pounds of shelled edible grade peanuts during October. Utilization by type was 77.3 million pounds for all peanut butter products, 30.6 million pounds for peanut candy, and 39.3 million pounds for snack peanuts. Crushing for oil and cake and meal totaled 50.1 million pounds during the month.

Deliveries under the Government Domestic Feeding and Child Nutrition Programs amounted to 2.72 million pounds of peanut butter and 206,064 pounds of Runners.

PECAN FORECAST UP

U.S. December 1 forecast for 2003 pecan utilized production is 264 million pounds, down 6% from the October 1 forecast, but 53% above last year's crop. Frequent rains throughout the summer in Georgia produced extensive disease and insect pressures. Scab disease was widespread and shuck decline added to poor nut quality. Oklahoma had dry weather during the summer and significant wildlife damage later in the season. These two States are the contributors to the 6% reduction from the October 1 forecast. The large increase from last season is related to the high year of the alternate bearing cycle. Improved varieties are expected to make up 204 million pounds or 77% of the total, while the native and seedling varieties make up the difference.

The Georgia forecast, at 60 million pounds, is 14% below the October 1 forecast, but 33% above last year's crop. As harvest progressed, grower expectations of quantity and quality were reduced from earlier in the season. Improved varieties account for all of the reduction from the October 1 forecast. The Texas production forecast is 70 million pounds, equal to the previous forecast, but 75% above last year's production. Growers expect good to excellent quality nuts. Fall conditions were good for pecan maturing and harvest. New Mexico's forecast, at 55 million pounds, is unchanged from the October forecast, but up 53% from last year. Harvest began about the beginning of December.

North Carolina's pecan production was forecast at 2.5 million pounds on October 1. A revised report will be available January 23, 2004.

PRICES RECEIVED FOR SELECTED COMMODITIES

The average price received for tobacco by North Carolina farmers in November 2003 was $1.78 per pound, down 11 cents from the previous month and 4.5 cents below a year ago. The November corn price, at $2.62 per bushel, was up 18 cents from the previous month, but was 20 cents below the previous year. Cotton prices, at 68.8 cents per pound, was up 27.4 cents from November a year ago. The November soybean price, at $7.33 per bushel, was up 39 cents from a month earlier and was $1.89 above a year ago.

Prices received for all hogs in November, at $35.20 per hundredweight, were down $2.30 from the previous month, but were $6.60 above a year ago. The average price for table eggs, at 95 cents per dozen, was up 25 cents from a month ago and was 40 cents above the previous year. A strong domestic demand for shell eggs, normal seasonal strength, and the shift from more expensive proteins are responsible for the rise in market egg prices. Previous record high was $1.00 per dozen in January 1984.

PRICES RECEIVED

COMMODITY	UNIT	NORTH CAROLINA			UNITED STATES		
		Nov. 2002	Oct. 2003	Nov. 2003	Nov. 2002	Oct. 2003	Nov. 2003
		Entire Month	*Entire Month*	*Mid Month*	*Entire Month*	*Entire Month*	*Mid Month*
				Dollars			
Tobacco, All [1]	Lb.	1.825	1.890	1.780	1.960	1.885	1.980
Corn	Bu.	2.82	2.44	2.62	2.28	2.12	2.24
Cotton	Lb.	.414	-	.688	.430	.680	.641
Soybeans	Bu.	5.44	6.94	7.33	5.46	6.61	7.37
Peanuts, In Shell	Lb.	.211	-	-	.180	.185	.189
Hogs, All	Cwt.	28.60	37.50	35.20	27.80	36.80	34.80
Com'l Broilers [2]	Lb.	-	-	-	.280	.370	.370
Turkeys [2 3]	Lb.	-	-	-	.398	.386	.407
Eggs [3 4]	Doz.	.550	.700	.950	.707	.841	1.030
Milk, All [2]	Cwt.	-	-	-	11.90	15.00	14.90
Potatoes	Cwt.	-	-	-	6.38	4.67	5.17
Apples, Com'l. [1]	Lb.	-	-	-	.268	.273	.274
Hay, All [3]	Ton	-	-	-	93.20	84.40	80.70

[1] Entire month. [2] North Carolina monthly estimates discontinued. [3] Mid month. [4] Market (Table) eggs including eggs sold retail by producers.

FARM PRICES INDEX NUMBERS

INDEX (1967 = 100)	Nov. 15 2001[1]	Nov. 15 2002[1]	Oct. 15 2003[1]	Nov. 15 2003
NORTH CAROLINA				
Prices Received: All Farm Products	250	241	266	264
All Crops	259	258	268	259
Tobacco	293	278	288	271
Oil Bearing	163	195	247	256
Grains	167	205	178	191
Commercial Vegetables	196	225	207	207
Fruits	342	312	312	312
Livestock and Livestock Products	234	212	261	273
Meat Animals	230	204	261	255
Poultry	223	217	264	288
Dairy	273	211	253	254
UNITED STATES				
Prices Received, All Farm Products	238	247	287	296
Prices Paid, Commodities & Services [2]	[4]	[4]	507	[4]
Parity Ratio [3]	[4]	[4]	57	[4]

[1] Revised. [2] Including Interest, Taxes and Farm Wage Rates. [3] Ratio of Index of Prices Received by Farmers to Index of Prices Paid. [4] Available quarterly.

NORTH CAROLINA PRICES RECEIVED INDEX

The November 2003 "All Farm Products" index of prices received by North Carolina farmers, at 264% of its 1967 base, was down 2 points from a month earlier. Contributing most to the decrease were lower prices for tobacco and hogs. The index was 23 points above a year earlier.

The November 2003 "All Crops" index, at 259, was down 9 points from the previous month, but was 1 point above a year earlier. The "Livestock and Livestock Products" index for November 2003, at 273, was up 12 points from the previous month and was 61 points above the previous year.

The meat animals index for November 2003, at 255, was down 6 points from the previous month, but was 51 points above a year ago. The poultry index, at 288, was up 24 points from the previous month and was 71 points above a year earlier. The dairy index, at 254, was up 1 point from a month earlier and was 43 points above a year ago.

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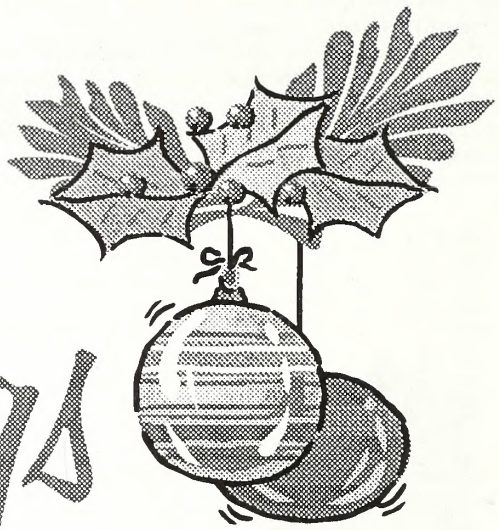

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